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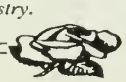

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WE MAY NOT BE GOING TO PORTLAND IN 1994!

Two years ago the Northwest Gender Alliance (NWGA) of Portland, Oregon, submitted a proposal to serve as the host organization for the 1994 Coming Together convention. We knew the NWGA to be an exceptional organization with superb leadership and wonderful people, and we were pleased to accept their proposal.

We conducted a standard hotel search, and received a briefcase full of proposals. Alison Laing, our hotel and travel coordinator, and I studied the proposals and selected the ones we liked the best. Last December Alison and I made arrangements to travel to Portland for final negotiations, and site selection.

To be honest, we were really excited about bringing our convention to Portland. As far as I'm concerned it's one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The people are great, and Hobo's serves one of the best prime ribs I've ever had. The staff of every hotel we visited couldn't have been more pleasant or more respectful, and the sales people negotiated in good faith and were clearly eager to have our business.

So, what went wrong?

The upper echelon management of the hotels we selected sent down the word that we were welcome to use their hotels, but all rest rooms, even those in our meeting areas were strictly off limits. What that says is, "We will take your money, but we won't respect your most basic of human needs." They knew in advance such a condition would be a deal-killer, so I feel justified in assuming they simply did not want our business. I'm not going to cry bigotry, or assume their actions were influenced by the recent flap over Proposition 9 (a bill that would have made it legal to discriminate against people who were gay, or perceived to be gay). (Whether or not you cry bigotry, is up to you.) Rather, I'm going to assume their actions were based on a very common problem. They didn't know us, and like most people, they were afraid of the unknown.

Here's what their fear cost them. For starters, it cost them $70-100,000 in business. It cost them some of the finest, most respectful and most trouble-free guests their hotel is likely to have. It cost them good business. Besides bringing in a disproportionate amount of money for the size of our event, we pay our bills promptly, and we tip well. In addition, we tend to be loyal customers to those who treat us with respect. In other words, because they wouldn't give us a place to pee, they lost our current business, they lost our future business, and they lost our respect.

Please understand, they could not legally prevent us from going to the bathroom. To do so would make them vulnerable to a lawsuit. I do not choose to push that course of action. We might win a lawsuit, but at what cost? Our dignity? Our self-respect? The good will we have worked so hard to develop with other hotels? The price is too high.

Confrontation rarely works. Economic clout works. Therefore, I would prefer we conduct ourselves with pride, and with dignity, and use our economic clout in a good way. That means we simply take our $100,000 and give it to somebody else, but only on the condition that we are treated with respect.

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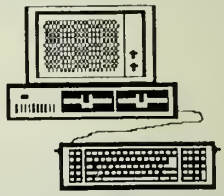

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Self-Esteem & Self Acceptance

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Self acceptance and self-contentedness create our self-esteem. Generally speaking, **self-esteem** means having a favorable opinion of oneself. It means embracing the good as well as the ugly parts of our makeup. Most of us think we do this because we have what Gloria Steinem refers to as *situational* self-esteem. If we're looking good compared to others through job status, income, possessions, friends, etc., we probably **think** we're A-Okay. The nagging little worries or feelings of anxiety in the pit of our stomachs about the future may not always get our attention. I think it's time for us to take a closer look at how we feel about ourselves at a deeper and a more basic level. **Core self-esteem**, another term coined by Ms. Steinem, refers to our basic conviction that we are loved and lovable, valued and valuable, just the way we are. There is nothing to prove, nothing to compare with anyone else. It is not based on what we do or who we are. It cannot even be earned. This article, as a follow up to my last, addresses the importance of self acceptance, to see how it increases self-esteem.

Core Self-esteem

Core self-esteem grows out of whether or not we feel welcome in this world. It begins from the minute we're born and continues throughout our lives. Parents treat their children the way they themselves were treated. Hence, the emotional needs of many children are not met because the needs of their parents were not met when the parents were young. Consequently, many of us were raised by parents who lacked core self-esteem. When we came into the world, our parents thought taking care of basic physical needs was enough. Today, we know the infant and young child needs to feel loved and supported by its caretakers in a consistent way.

Did you know you cannot spoil a child before the age of three? Our parents and grandparents were raised believing they shouldn't spoil their children. As a result, we grew up having what we needed withheld from us so we wouldn't be spoiled. What did we need?

1. To be held, cuddled and nurtured consistently.
2. To see ourselves as loving beings mirrored in the eyes and the faces of our caretakers.
3. To consistently hear words of encouragement and acceptance.

The absence of these things leads us to feel unwelcome in our own homes. When we were young children, we did not understand why our parents didn't meet these needs, or why they became upset. We thought we were the cause of their problems. We were the reason they got angry or yelled at each other. Because we did not feel welcome, we developed low self-esteem based on **fear.** The decision we carry in the deepest level of our being says, "I'm not really welcome or loved. I need to make other people happy in order to get their love and attention. I'm not important. My needs are not important." The unfortunate part is that many of us do not even know we have this belief.

Bringing Unmet Childhood Needs Into Adulthood

When we don't have a strong sense of self, we bring our unmet needs from childhood into adulthood. Some of us look to authority figures for approval. Others look to their mates and significant others for mothering or fathering. This is **not**

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appropriate on an adult level. We need to look within and take responsibility for our own lives. As I've stated before, **true happiness** does not come from anyone other than ourselves. It does not come from our jobs, the amount of money we make, our children, friends, etc.

Undoing the Past

Self acceptance can improve. We can re-parent ourselves by taking responsibility for ourselves, and giving ourselves the acknowledgement, love and support we missed when we were children. A re-parenting exercise I use with some of my clients entails sitting them down and having them write a list of all the things they wished they had received from their parents and/or caregivers when they were young. It might be attention, time, hugs, whatever. Upon completion of the list, they write down all the things they were willing to give themselves on a daily or weekly basis. The results were astounding. The more care they gave themselves, the more they began to accept themselves and the people around them.

The Importance Of Balance

Self-acceptance develops a sense of inner balance. The concept of balance has value to all of us. When our bodies experience such a state, they are homeostatic; everything runs easily and effortlessly with no blockages. Illness stems from a lack of balance. It is the body's way of telling us something is out of whack, or balance. Negative, judgmental thoughts about ourselves disrupt the equilibrium of our emotional state. So it's quite important for us to become aware of the nagging, whining, bitchy little voices in our heads that continually try to put us down, making us feel imperfect and inadequate. Most of us do not realize peacefulness is a **natural** state for human beings. We're so used to experiencing fear and stress, we think the opposite is true. During those times when we're not feeling a sense of inner peace, we have listened to those voices in our heads. It's time to start ignoring them and begin to listen to the voices within our hearts. The heart messages confirm our value and acknowledge we are doing the very best we know how to do right now.

Any time I become aware of a negative thought, I immediately erase it by thinking something positive. Because our thoughts create our reality, it's important to make sure we're sending positive messages to the universe. If we continue to send negative ones, that is all we'll get back in our lives.

Another way to create greater balance in our lives deals with acknowledging the dualities of our nature such as male/female, angry/fearful, active/passive, dominant/submissive, etc. Each is a part of and contributes to the whole. Anytime we deny or judge a part of ourselves, we deny the whole. Like it or not, we each possess both sides of the coin. Every man has feminine qualities, every woman, male qualities. We also demonstrate dominant and submissive qualities within our personality structures. Many of us *choose* not to recognize, let alone acknowledge, certain aspects of ourselves that we do not like. Ever had anyone push your buttons? That very same person usually mirrors the same behavioral trait that exists within you. Because we judge something within ourselves, we find it distasteful in others and usually deny its existence.

Out Of The Closet

I propose looking at our dragons, demons and shadow figures from a new perspective. Every aspect of who we are exists to serve us on some level. For many of us, our shadows evolved from childhood as a means to protect us. By the time we reach adulthood, they usually get in the way of our having quality intimate relationships.

Our lives have been based on the supposition that there is something wrong with us that needs to be fixed. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Our inner peace comes from loving ALL aspects of ourselves. We haven't loved them because we have been told not to by people who were ignoring those very same parts of themselves that they do not love.

The poet Robert Bly talks about our shadow side being a long bag we drag behind us. It contains all the unacceptable parts of ourselves. Most men in our culture place their feminine side in that bag. Men who crossdress and/or experience the more feminine aspects of their personalities exhibit far more balance than most men in our society. They are at least willing to acknowledge the feminine energies within. Denying them only gives them that much more power. Judgment does not heal it or make it any better. Acceptance does. We're so used to looking at ourselves through the eyes of others (who usually do not love and accept themselves), Why do we continue to give them all of our power? We have forgotten that we are okay just the way we are. Everything that comes to us is a gift to help us learn more about love. Unfortunately, many of us find the wrapping so distasteful, we fail to see the gift inside.

Another gift-wrapping many of us do not want to look at pertains to our dominant and submissive qualities. Priscilla bravely opened the door to this topic in her letter to the editor in Issue #56. Few people responded to it. Why? Perhaps our unwillingness to open the closet doors and look inside scares us. What unmentionable dragons and demons will we find lurking in the dark? Well, guess what! They are there, whether we want to deal with them or not. The only way to get rid of them is to open the door, turn on the light and look at them from the eyes of love and acceptance, not from fear and judgment. Remember, everything about who we are is okay. It's our thoughts, based on misperception which tell us differently. My next article will look more closely at the issues of dominance and submission to help bring some Light to existing misperceptions.

Taking Responsibility

Each of has the ability to make peace with our demons, regardless of what they are and what they look like. Not doing so perpetuates the

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Time For Your Medicine

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I can't tell you enough of my pleasure to be asked once again to address this gathering. This Southern Comfort is a special event. Firstly, it's in the South, and that I believe, is always a pleasure. It's a delight to come to the South. Next, it's held in the city of Atlanta, and this city is wonderful! There *is* comfort here, for here are my sisters and brothers in this very special community of ours, that of the transgendered. We are all very special, unique, very important to ourselves and to those in our lives, and to the world around us.

Since I last spoke at Southern Comfort, I've had an interesting year. The highlight of this year has been my retirement from active medical practice and my move to Boston from Pittsburgh. I am now working for IFGE as a medical liaison between you, the transgendered, and the Health Care Professional. What a unique place for me to be - both transgendered, and to be a physician, what a fortunate thing for me - to serve both communities while I belong to *both* communities.

Coming to Boston is a joy. I went to school there. My years of study were studded with pleasures and experiences of a great city, a region of the country filled with adventures for the student, whether it be a couple of beers in a pub, a fantastic meal in the Italian district, or a wonderful walk down the Freedom trail. I was enthralled living there. Then I went to Pittsburgh. Now Pittsburgh is a beautiful city, marvelous mountainous areas and beautiful valleys, three beautiful rivers, wonderful architecture, a fabulous symphony orchestra, and championship teams. There is culture and classics, history and heritage galore, but I had never before been in a city where to go to a destination that was North, you started out going South and continued in that direction for a long time, perhaps most of the trip, and then eventually you arrived at that Northern destination. What streets, what congestion, what traffic, and while I have family there still, and very beautiful friends there, frankly, I'm glad to leave it. Of course, I am grateful and I must remember that this city, this Pittsburgh, helped me to rear and educate three wonderful children. There I led a successful life. I practiced medicine in a joyous and successful way, and yes, I do have gratitude to that town and its inhabitants. I won't ever cease to acknowledge those years, pleasurable ones at times, and at times, difficult. There are so many stories I could tell you about patients I've cared for in that city, and what they did, and what they told me. Once a middle-aged woman came to me for an examination, and in our conversation, she told me of her approaching divorce. She stated, "I've lost my husband, Marvin. We had such troubles. I told him once, . . . if you think it's easy being a woman, you try it. He did. He likes it!" Another patient told me of the many problems her relatives made for her. She talked of how they had made her life so problematic. "My brother," she said, "thinks he's a chicken." I said to her, "My gosh, how difficult for you. . .Why don't you commit him to a psychiatric hospital?" She said, "I would, but we need the eggs!"

I guess that's the way we all go through life, don't we? We need the eggs. We put up with so much in order to obtain it. Should we? Is that all there is? Is there no other way? It seems to me that we shouldn't settle for just the eggs. We want the whole chicken, don't we? Perhaps we should go after the whole chicken farm?

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What we all should be aiming for in our lives is what we learn in reading the classic Greek literature. In the writings of Plato, one of the goals In life is to realize that one has lived with the full expression of one's powers, in a long line of excellence. We all have that potential. We all have the talent, the capability, the vigor, to live a life, expressing ourselves and heaping up feats of excellence and good. We all, each of us, have within us a special spirit, the soul of a person that God made "different." *Think of that.* Each of us is unique, special and different. We come together here today and find that our "differentness" is in common, that as we look at ourselves and those near us in this room, our difference is powerful, overwhelming, and it is accompanied by courage, by strength and by confidence and love. Think of it! How powerful we are in our behavior and in our minds and spirits, in our transgendered selves.

Medicine has improved our lives so much, in the search for cure and relief of disease. Medicine has extended our lives into the seventies and eighties, and some few even more than that. Did you ever think of how you spend the wonderful, precious days and months of your life? These statistics, I think, are interesting. In the average lifetime, we spend 24½ years sleeping, 3 years eating, one year talking on the telephone, 12 years watching television, 9½ months sitting on the toilet and only five months having sex, and I think there are many other things we do in the remaining time. We think that the things I've mentioned, however, are the essentials, don't we? But are they? Is there more to living than just doing these things? Is there more for us to accomplish, to reach out to, to influence?

We all have a mountain to climb in our lifetime. Is there something special to look to, to experience, as we move to the top? In fact, what, for each of us, is the top? Are we satisfied only on a plateau, halfway up, not reaching the summit?

I am climbing a mountain, a very tall one, and it's a formidable one as well, with levels and plateaus and crevasses that are made of prejudices and bias, of apathy and ignorance, of critical and harsh unacceptance. I want to climb that huge mass. I want to give support, assistance, and information to all who ask for it. It's a special way to conclude one's living, to give to others on that mountain that I must climb. For all of us there are levels and plateaus of responsibility and dedication to family care, there is steadfastness and support to relatives and friends in our lives. For some it may be parents or wives, children, friends, those in the workplace, a host of obligations, but on your mountain, as there is on mine, there are lesser peaks and crevasses, also with ignorance and unacceptance. **You** must move past those as well. If you choose to dwell near them for a time and erase the nature of those places, smoothing them out with information, support and education, how noble that is. Now, what am I driving at? What am I presenting to you?

Let's look for a moment at our origin. We are all transgendered. We have in common a special manner of thought, of opinion and behavior. We all have it. I like to think that the origin of all of this is in a genetic twist within each of us that took place while we were in early development in our mother's womb. When I say a genetic twist, I mean really a gene mutation on one of the sex chromosomes in the genetic male or female. The location of the gene or genes, if there is more than one involved, and the degree of alteration could conceivably account for when, on the transgendered continuum, the individual is either a casual crossdresser, or a true and primary transsexual. All this could have to do with the degree of gene mutation. Now we don't know this, in fact, at this time. Gene mapping, as it is being done now to discover the reasons for many diseases of the human race, hasn't come as yet to the transgendered community. I'm afraid we are far down on the list. But, it will come to us, and when it does, perhaps we will settle quite conclusively the questions about our origin and why we function as we do. We will certainly settle the questions about environmental influences in our very early formative years, and we may then be viewed by others, as the individuals who are as we are because of *intrauterine* occurrences. We will not blame post-birth environmental influences such as our parents, their absence or presence, their behavioral patterns, and those of other relatives during our first several years of life. Our origin will then be by nature - so-called, and not a matter of conditioning when we were very young.

When we look closely at the average genetic female and the average genetic male, what can we determine is different about them in their behavior and thought processes? From early youth and throughout life, men differ from women in a whole range of aptitudes, skills and abilities. The average male is far superior in spacial ability. Their skills and their abilities to picture things in their shape, position, and geography, is much more accurate than that of the average female. Men, even when boys, generally outperform girls in mathematics. Their hand/eye coordination, especially in sports, is superior. Men have advantage in seeing patterns in abstract relationships. They are better in chess, in map reading. Women, as their male counterparts, are quite comparable in instrumental performance, but men far outdistance most women in the complex composition of music and in orchestral arrangement. In short, the male brain gives men the edge in dealing with things and theorems.

The female, however, is far more organized to respond sensitively to all sensory stimuli. She does better than her male counterpart in tests of verbal ability. She receives a wider range of sensory information. She connects much more accurately and relates with greater facility. She is better equipped to place a primacy on personal relationships to communicate.

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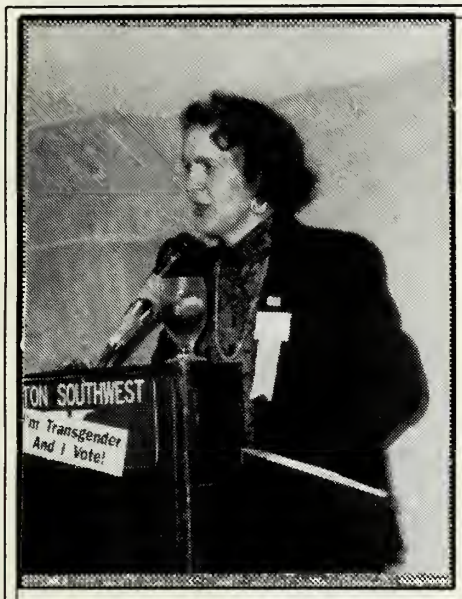

(This edition of Legal Briefs is the keynote address by Raymond Wayne Hill given at the first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy in Houston, Texas last summer. The introductory remarks are by Phyllis Randolph Frye, Director and Coordinator of the Conference.)

Raymond Wayne Hill is my friend. There are only two people in this entire world that I trust completely and implicitly. One of those is my spouse, Trish, and the other is Ray Hill. He is one of two that I trust. I trust some people to a certain extent, but I trust Raymond.

Ray and I go back to November of 1975. He's the grandfather of the lesbian/gay/transgender movement in Houston, Texas. In the registration room is an autographed copy of the cover sheet to the United States Supreme Court Case and it's styled: *City of Houston v. Raymond Wayne Hill*, 107 Supreme Court Reporter 2502. It was a 1987 case. He won.

My question to you is, "How many of you personally know someone who won a Supreme Court case?" Raise your hands. Okay. Well, after he speaks, you will all able to raise your hands.

The reason why Raymond was invited tonight is because of *Hill versus Houston* and because what he's going to say about what we have to fear. One of our biggest fears as we go out is a cop who decides to harass us and ask us for identification. Unless we are a suspect in a crime, at least in this state, or we are thought to be a witness to a crime, or we are driving an automobile — and please put this as I say it, court reporter -- there is no fucking reason for them to have our I.D.

Now, Raymond is going to talk about that and a whole lot of other things. Let me tell you a little bit more about him, and I am going to read from the Supreme Court case so that you'll know a little bit about him. What this case is all about, as Footnote 1 reveals in deposition and in earlier trials, Mr. Hill testified that his motivation was to stop the officers from hitting Mr. Charles. He also explained that, "I would rather that I get arrested than those whose careers can be damaged. I would rather that I get arrested than those whose families won't understand. I would rather that I get arrested than those who couldn't spend a long time in jail. I am prepared to respond in any legal, non-aggressive, non-violent way to any illegal police activity at any time and under any circumstances."

It gets better. Another footnote: "Hill testified that both officers grabbed Mr. Charles. They placed him up against the wall and threatened to hit him with a large flashlight." Do you think those people carry that flashlight so they can see at night? It's a club. Loaded with heavy batteries; it's a club. "Only then," according to Mr. Hill "did he call out, quote, 'the kid has done nothing wrong. If you want to pick on somebody, pick on me.'"

The court goes into the fact that Raymond has other arrests in this area. One time Mr. Hill intentionally interrupted two Houston police officers as they made an arrest. What was going on was during that arrest, Ray Hill had the effrontery— the effrontery is my little word— to write down the license plate numbers, and then walk to within arm's length of one of the officers nearest to that officer's revolver. That officer asked Hill to leave. Hill simply moved closer, and for that, and for only that, he was arrested.

Another time, I believe he was a clerk at that time in an adult book store. He observed vice squad-cars parked nearby. Because he is an activist, he recognized several of them in plain clothes. When they came in, he simply turned on the light and told the public address system that there were police officers present and that the patrons should prepare to show their identification. Patrons left and frustrated the investigation. Hill was arrested for that.

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In Octobcr of 1982, 8 months after that, this lawsuit began. Hill was arrested again. He refused to leave the immediate area of a car with an unknown and unconscious person inside. That was all. It was a car where there was someone that was unconscious and unknown in the car. The police were there, and Ray didn't know what was going to happen. So he stayed to make sure nothing happened. For that, he was arrested.

My last note about Ray Hill. When you see this name tag tonight there is a special reason for it. In the writing that came from the Court of Appeals, they called Ray Hill this — and the Supreme Court of the United States affirmed this description — "Ray Hill is a citizen provocateur." And on his name tag, we not only have citizen provocateur, we have the cite, 107 Supreme Court Reporter, 2508, Footnote No. 7. I want you to listen to and meet and savor and give a standing ovation at the beginning to Raymond Wayne Hill.

RAY HILL

You're very kind. Make yourself as comfortable as possible. I do a lot of speaking at law schools these days talking about what amounted to the last landmark Supreme Court case written by the great Justice Brennan of the Supreme Court of the United States. I consider that a very high honor. I miss the wisdom of Judge Brennan on the court as many of us do, but his wisdom like *Hill versus Houston* will drape across the ages handsomely.

The whole thing of *Hill versus Houston* to me is that, if the republic survives, and we all pray and hope that the republic will indeed survive, 50 years from now or a hundred, some hungover lesbian is going to stumble out of a gay bar. She will sit down on the curb waiting for it to open again and the squad cars are going to drive by. The officer's going to turn on the P.A. system and say, "Move along, move along." And she's going to show him that great Nelson Rockefeller memorial symbol, and he's going to arrest her and carry her to jail.

And when she gets before the Court, the judge is going to say, "We have a *Hill versus Houston* problem here. You're going to have to apologize to this young woman and take her back to where you found her because the Memorial symbol is specifically addressed in the case."

I am so glad that Phyllis mentioned the League of Women Voters and its openness to people of all genders. And I use the term advisedly. It's open to women, it's open to men, and it's open to transgenderal people. It's an important organization because it's probably, as it was in the exercise of the franchise by women, a landmark organization as important today in its work as it ever has been.

Well, I had such a mother. A little East Texas farm woman starved off the farm during the depression, she moved to Houston and worked as a blacksmith to defend freedom in World War II. So my upbringing is from that consciousness.

I am what I am because my mother was who she was. And y'all know about queens and their mothers. I see her everyday. She is approaching her 79th birthday next month, and we are as close friends as ever. As a matter of fact, she never would let me call her mother. I had to call her Frankie because she had a name, and that was what she wanted to be called. So it's Frankie and Raymond, and we are still good friends, and I still live in the wisdom of her advice.

There are some things you can't take for granted. I was born with all this white skin, but I've never been really white enough to be accepted by a lot of white people that have a lot of prejudices. I was born male, but I have never been quite male enough, because my sexual orientation and my openness about that would not allow me to be accepted as such. So, instead of taking those lemons and developing a sourpuss face, I'll show you my wrinkles. They're the wrinkles of a person who has laughed a lot and enjoyed life. And I don't have any closets; I don't expect to have any closets; and people get sick of my rubbing my experiences and my being in their face. And I am proud of these wrinkles and this gray hair because I have earned them honorably and honestly.

What I am here to talk about tonight is survival. Okay. Not the whole story about survival, but survival. Because Frankie told me the main thing is to survive. Now, there are other ancillary, important things, but the main thing is to survive. Just to check, I am going to see how many of you have experienced some basic survival skills. Anybody in the room remember fighting them all by yourself? Anybody knows what it's like to fight all of them by yourself? All right. Any of you in the room ever stand back to back, like me and Phyllis and Trish,all facing in the opposite direction,fighting them to the very end? Anybody remember that?

Does anybody remember trying to hide as a survival thing, being closeted and not letting people know? Anybody here experience that? It's a survival scheme. It's not a very comfortable survival scheme, and those of us who have worked our way out of that ain't going back tnere no more, for damned sure.

Anybody you know in the room 'running away from it'? Anybody ever run away from it as a survival scheme? Get out. Get the hell out of here. I can't stand this heat. I appreciate your honesty in those kinds of things. We have all experienced that.

There is one more feeling that we've all experienced which dealt with the struggle inside. Anyone in the room remember when you were the only one? And nobody would understand. All right. Getting out of that sucker is a good one, too. Like the opportunity to meet just one more. Breaks up that whole theory.

There comes a time when the law and the republic it represents, as much as we respect that and as much as we honor that, we have to answer to a contrary call. I know what that

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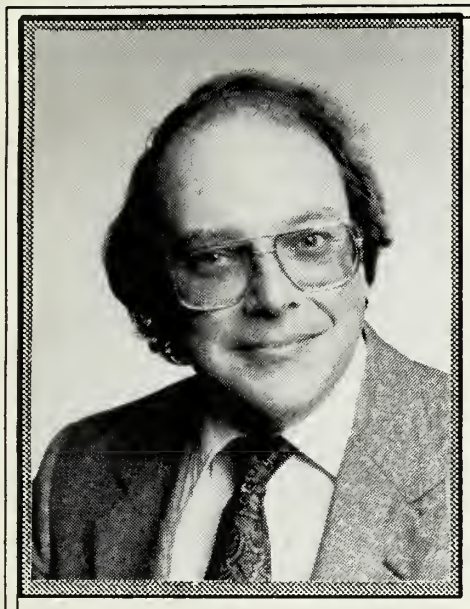
Roger's Notebook



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WHY CROSS-DRESS? (#64)

Why do people cross-dress? Here I use the broadest definition: wearing clothing that is socially identified with the other gender. The term "cross-dressing" is often used only to identify men wearing women's clothing. This use ignores or glosses over other reasons.

Historically, cross-dressing has been more of a women's phenomenon than one involving men. Early literature documents women cross-dressing full-time to allow them access to male-dominated activities— soldiers, sailors, pioneers, etc. Some were discovered only after they suffered serious injury or death. While early accounts do not allow us to determine if some of these women were transsexuals, that is not important in this discussion.

Both historically and currently men have cross-dressed to engage in illegal activities and/or to escape from prison. Just read today's papers to learn of participants in such masquerades.

In current theatrical settings, cross-dressing is often used for humor. The cross-dressed character is often a male whose ineptitude in "looking feminine" or his inability to adapt to women's clothing creates comical situations. The number of movies and stage plays having cross-dressed people is nearly endless and goes back many decades. (In some societies women were not allowed on stage, so men played all the women's parts.) Sometimes cross-dressing is more sinister— usually involving a cross-dressed male who engages in psychotic or anti-social behaviors. Few themes have the cross-dressed person playing a normal character.

Social conditions also bring out cross-dressing themes. I mentioned women impersonating men to gain access to male-dominated occupations. It has also been used as a way to change social status. Before 1940, women generally did not wear pants, at least not in public. By wearing some articles of men's clothing, they changed how society saw them. In the '60's use of "feminine" or androgynous clothing and hair styles by both sexes brought us the hippies and another social upheaval. Linked with these may be gender role relief— the adoption of the other gender role as an escape from the role assigned by society.

Of course, there are the sensual and the sexual reasons for cross-dressing. Costume parties also provide occasions for cross-dressing. Somewhere in between sexuality and theater are the female impersonators and "drag queens." Lastly, there are transsexuals who "cross-dress" before genital surgery.

Some of the above have a relatively obvious reason for the cross-dressing while others are not so apparent. Are some people drawn to cross-dressing more than others because of psychological or genetic causes? We simply do not know. However, there are many different situations in which one person may, for some period of time, use the clothing of the other gender. Depending on the circumstances, this may be expected, accepted or censured.

WHAT IS FEMININITY? (#65)

The guiding beacon in the transgender community is femininity. It is endlessly studied and

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written about, however, it is not clear to me that it is understood at all. Femininity means those things that women do and feel. It is different in each society and within segments of a given society. Add race and culture to this equation, and further differences appear. The important differences between men and women are not their physical differences or the clothing worn.

Despite cultural and economic differences, women seem to share certain basic characteristics and behaviors. It does not make any difference whether these apparently common behaviors are caused by biological or by social factors. What is important is that many women appear to approach the business of life in ways that are observably different from the typical man's approach.

Women tend to form relationships and often feel they are defined by their relationships. They develop supportive relationships with other women as well as with men. Men tend to define themselves by the things they do successfully. For men, relationships are often secondary to their accomplishments and skills. Men have relationships with other men, but these tend to have a competitive nature and may not have deeply supportive aspects. A man seems to need a woman in his life for the emotional support she can provide for him. Often this is a one-way street because men have not developed the sensitivity to provide the emotional support women need.

These different approaches to life create problems when working out how cross-dressing is handled within a relationship. Because the man has little experience with relational ways of living life, he is often unable to grasp the impact his behavior has on his wife. He cannot understand (emotionally) why she is so bothered by it. He divides his life into sections that have little overlap. To him, except for his cross-dressing, he is "just a man." Conversely, she has little experience in compartmentalizing her life, so she has difficulty separating his cross-dressing behavior from all the other parts of him. Because his total being is integrated into the rest of her life and relationships, his cross-dressing influences these as well.

The current men's movement seems to be a search for the kernels of masculinity. In a way it seems to be a movement away from learning how to relate to women. Some writers seem to feel that men are floundering— no longer having the "traditional" masculine role and uncomfortable with the "sensitive" or "soft" masculine role that is being advocated by some parts of society. I wonder if this will make the relationships between men and women even more difficult. I wonder if the transgender community can offer anything to men in this time of searching and transition?

Is there a way out of this dilemma? The first step is to recognize its existence. With that comes the ability to understand the other person, and with that comes the hope for lasting change. So, this duality of approaches to life contains both the joy and tragedy of being human.

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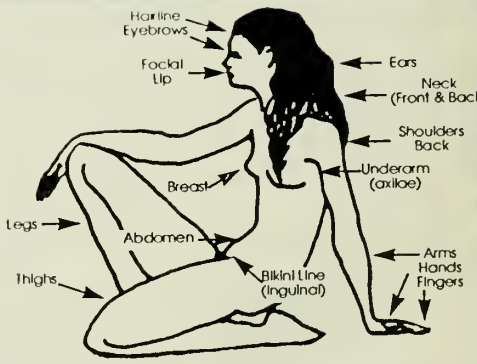

Common Sites of Hair Removal

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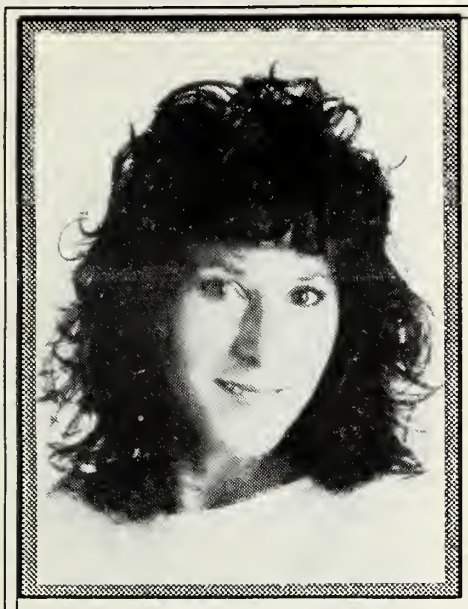

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Members of the public in many jurisdictions have reservations about the safety and effectiveness of electrolysis, but these concerns have not been great enough to demand regulatory action in most areas. Electrolysis has been performed for over 100 years. In the beginning, even though there was little attention paid to proper procedure or sterile technique, there were no problems with disease transmission. During the early years of electrolysis there were problems with scarring, but this has been largely eliminated through better training and modern equipment. The greatest demand for regulation has come from electrologists, who perhaps believe that regulation would set minimum standards of competence and enhance the image of their profession. The recent epidemic of AIDS has accelerated demands for regulation, even though electrolysis has never been demonstrated to be a factor in transmitting AIDS, and it is extremely unlikely that it could be. There have been no reported cases of AIDS from electrolysis treatments. There is a certain irony in the fact that electrolysis is safer and more effective than ever before, and yet in many areas there is an increasing demand for its regulation.

In most countries, the use of electrolysis is not regulated, and anyone may practice it. In the United Stated, however, electrolysis is regulated in more than half the states. The following table lists what the requirements are in each state, and in each country where it is regulated. Regulations are constantly changing, and local authorities should be consulted for the most recent information. "Not regulated" means that there are no training, examination, licensing or other requirements in that jurisdiction, and that anyone may practice electrolysis there.

I have sixteen years of full time experience in the private practice of electrolysis and of training students in Electrology. In my opinion, if you are thinking of a career as an electrologist, I am all for it. Most of all, I believe that in this profession you need a minimum of 300 hours in clinic under supervision. This skill can be learned in less hours, but in order to become an expert in electrolysis, it takes continuity, accuracy to perform a proper insertion of the probe (needle) and to deliver the correct amount of current needed for each particular hair. Courses vary from 60 hour part-time to full-time two-year courses. Some individuals require more time under supervision to master the skill.

Massachusetts and New Hampshire have some of the most stringent laws in the country concerning sanitation, sterilization, safety and communicable disease precautions. For instance, a registered electrologist is required to have a minimum of 1100 hours of training including extensive study of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, dermatology, endocrinology and medical terminology. This extensive training is necessary for the electrologist to understand skin and follicle construction, hormone imbalances, proper use of implements to prevent damage, congenital patterns and the causes and prevention of disease and infection. Simply put, an untrained person should not practice electrolysis.

Electrolysis training is available in many geographic areas, and information may be obtained from other electrologists, the Yellow Pages (under schools), equipment manufacturers, suppliers and advertisements in electrolysis publications. Training fees vary and should be compared.

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Roberts Institute of Electrology in Brookline, Massachusetts, has been in existence for over 30 years. Students come from all over the world. Eleanor Roberts, founder of the school, became the first person to work for the regulation of electrolysis in Massachusetts. The requirement is 1100 hours of training and practice. Other states soon followed. Roberts continues to educate at conventions world wide. We are very proud of her.

Electrolysis Regulations and Educational Requirements

Regulations are continually changing. For the most current information, it is best to consult a local authority such as a Board of Registration of Electrologists, State Board of Cosmetology, or Department of Health.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA
Most of the states listed below require a final examination, and other rules may apply.

ALABAMA
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 16 years of age and have finished 10th grade or equivalent. 1200 hours of cosmetology (no electrology included).

ARKANSAS
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours, or 350 hours and 1150-hour beauty culture course.

CALIFORNIA
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 17 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 500 hours, or 12 month apprenticeship.

CONNECTICUT
State Board of Examiners/ Hypertrichologists, Department of Health Services. Must be 18 years of age and have finished 8th grade or equivalent. 600 hours.

DELAWARE
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 18 years of age and have finished 8th grade or equivalent. 300 hours, or 600-hour apprenticeship.

FLORIDA
Council under the Medical Board.

HAWAII
Department of Health, Environmental Protection and Health Services Division. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours.

IDAHO
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 16 1/2 years of age and have 2 years high school or equivalent. 500 hours and 300 hours skin care, or 1600-hour apprenticeship.

INDIANA
State Board of Beauty Culturists Examiners. Must be 18 years of age and have finished 10th grade or equivalent. 200 hours and 1000 hours beauty culture course.

IOWA
State Board of Cosmetology Examiners. No age or grade level requirement. 125 hours and 2100-hour cosmetology course.

KANSAS
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 17 years of age. If under 25, must be a High School graduate or equivalent. 500 hours, or 1000-hour apprenticeship and 1150-hour cosmetology license, or 1000-hour cosmetology technician license.

LOUISIANA
State Board of Electrolysis Examiners/Department of Health and Human Resources. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours, or 600-hour apprenticeship

MAINE
Requires inspection of business and equipment by Department of Human Services.

MARYLAND
State Board of Electrologists/ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 300 hours (118 hours of theory and 182 hours of clinical).

MASSACHUSETTS
Board of Registration of Electrologists/Department of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 1100 hours.

MICHIGAN
State Board of Cosmetology.

MONTANA
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours.

NEVADA
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 18 years of age, a resident of 6 months, and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 1000 hours, or 1000-hour apprenticeship.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Public Health Services. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 1100 hours.

NEW MEXICO
State Board of Cosmetology. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 500 hours.

NORTH CAROLINA
Electrology Board. 600 hours.

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Editorial

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The Lesson of the Candles

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With the exception of Lou Sullivan, the names of the persons I refer to in this article have been changed. This was done to protect their memory, and to protect those whose lives may yet be affected by their loss. If you know any of the people of whom I speak, please remember them in a good way, and learn from their experience. Also learn from the experience of those you have lost in your own life. If you do, then their lives will not have been wasted.

The 1992 New Woman's Conference was a celebration for those of us who survived to reach our goals. The candlelight memorial ceremony held during that conference was to remember those who didn't.

The night was perfect for a memorial ceremony ... cool, dark and drizzly, the air filled with the smell of the incoming tide. Twenty–four of us entered the large empty room. We formed a circle and sat cross-legged on the floor with our candles in front of us. The lady sitting two places to my right lit her candle, then, slowly and deliberately, the rest of us lit ours from hers. She then began the ceremony by saying, "I would like to begin by remembering two of my sisters from my support group. One committed suicide, and the other was murdered." She spoke slowly, pausing occasionally to wipe tears from her eyes, telling us who they were, how she remembered them, and how she felt. She then blew her candle out. Then, moving counter-clockwise around the room, each person in turn told their stories.

Each story was powerful, heartfelt, and beautiful in its way. People were talking about their friends, or about people they had tried to help, or those who were beyond help. Every story was moving, and every story was different. Like everyone else, with each story I felt a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. I also wondered who I would remember and what I would say.

When it came my turn to speak I began, "For the last sixteen years I have devoted my life to helping our people. During that time I've known a lot of people who have died, far too many to remember here tonight. I would like to remember four whose deaths had a profound impact on my life, who taught me lessons that guide me, and help me in my work. The first person I would like to remember is Terri ..."

From the time I emerged from my own closet in 1974 until I founded the Tiffany Club in 1978 I worked on my own issues while using my own pain and fear as a motivation to reach out and help others like myself. In 1978 I began receiving regular phone calls from a young college student named Terri. We talked about her transsexualism, and about the pressures of school, and of being rejected by her family. We talked about her depression, and how frustrated she was trying to get her therapist to understand. Then one night she called me. In a resigned and melancholy voice she told me she had just returned from her therapist. He had told her he couldn't do anything for her, and their professional relationship was over. When she told me that, I had the terrifying feeling that her therapist had just condemned her to death, and just like that I became the only support she had in the world. I became desperate to help her, told her I

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would come to Boston for her, anything, but all she said was, "Goodbye."

I panicked. I didn't know how to get back to her, or what to do. I didn't even know if the name she had given me was real. In desperation I called the Samaritans, a suicide prevention hotline, but they didn't know what to do either. That night was awful, one of the worst I could remember, feeling helpless and frustrated, knowing what was coming but unable to stop it. A few days later the Boston Globe carried a headline, "Boston University Student Commits Suicide,". There was a picture of Terri, lying in the hall of her Fenway apartment, her head in a pool of blood. The article referred to the often overwhelming pressures facing students. I knew better.

Her death infuriated me. I couldn't save her, and that so-called helping professional didn't save her. He should have, and he didn't. It didn't occur to me at the time that he couldn't save her either. Then I began to learn what Terri had to teach me. The first thing I learned was I was not going to be able to save everyone. Therefore I must concentrate on helping those I could help, and let those I could not help go. The next thing I learned was Terri's therapist was not the uncaring monster I thought he was. Instead, he really wanted to help her, but he truly did not know how. Therefore, It was not enough for me to focus on just helping my people. I had to also help those mental health professionals to do the best job they could. Perhaps, just perhaps, if Terri's therapist had good information and a good support network, Terri might not have died.

"The next person I would like to remember is Lisa ..."

By 1984 both the Tiffany Club and the *Tapestry* were well established. I had met a few thousand people, run a few outings and conventions, and more parties than I care to remember, and then Lisa happened. Lisa was smart, she was funny, and she was my friend. She was also a spitfire, wired and full of energy. She considered herself transsexual, had an "I want what I want and I want it now" attitude, and that was that. She was like a squirrel grabbing for all the acorns she could in the shortest period of time. Unfortunately, there was no gender clinic to help her through transition, and no good information. She was on her own.

At the time she had a $35-40,000 job with a top computer company. She thought it proper to inform her employers of her intentions. She had no guidelines, so she went about telling them in her usual style, with both guns blazing. Her employers didn't know what to do, so they fired her. Lisa disappeared. Six months later all the news stations carried the story of a red Pinto being pulled from the Charles River Basin. In the trunk of the car was the body of a man wearing women's clothes, presumably a Combat Zone prostitute. The body had been beaten and stabbed repeatedly. It was Lisa. From a $40,000 a year computer programmer to a murdered prostitute in six short months.

I cried for three days. What an incredible heart-breaking waste. Because of its inability to understand and respect her needs, a business lost a valuable employee. Because of my inability to provide an adequate support system, I lost a friend. Because of her impatience and lack of knowledge, Lisa lost her life.

But she taught me lessons. She taught me how easy it was for desperate people to do desperate things, even turn to crime and prostitution. She taught me respect and compassion for those desperate people, and motivated me to do everything I could to help them before they did something terrible. If Lisa, a skilled professional person, can turn to prostitution, then anyone can. She also taught me that an effective support system goes far beyond the local social or support group. It goes into the home, into the workplace, and beyond. It is not enough to support the individual. We must also help the family, the employer, and society.

"The next person I would like to remember is Sharon ..."

Sharon and I had known each other since 1975. She was a plain old All-American cross-dresser. She respected me for what I was, and I respected her for what she was, and we were friends. However, she had a terrible time dealing with her desire to cross-dress. When I met her, she was a very successful business person, and had a wife and children. However, she was extremely unhappy, and constantly afraid she was going to be caught cross-dressed and lose everything. Her fear drove her to alcohol and cocaine. For some insane reason she thought being an alcoholic drug abuser was more acceptable than being a cross-dresser. Of course it wasn't, and the alcohol and drugs cost her her wife, her children, and her friends. Then one day in November, 1988, I got the word she had been found dead on her kitchen floor with her face covered with cocaine. She was cross-dressed.

I have to be honest. I hate drugs, and the parasites who sell them. Sharon had long ago lost my friendship and my respect because of it. So, when I found out she had died, and how, I said a silent, "I'm not surprised," and felt no remorse. Later I felt remorse, for I realized that in Sharon's case, cocaine was not the cause of her death. It was only the weapon. Fear was the cause.

Cross-dressing's no big deal. A person enjoys dressing in women's clothes. So what? Yet, I think of Sharon, and all the people like her and I'm shocked at how big a deal people make of it. People will become workaholics and alcoholics and drug addicts and worse in order to suppress their desire to cross-dress. Sharon's death hammered home to me how powerful and destructive fear can be, and that no matter how strong and successful a person appears to be, they are still in danger. She also taught me to see alcohol and substance abuse not as

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feelings of non-acceptance. We owe it to ourselves (and to our families if we want to live longer) to stop the voices of judgment in our heads and to affirm that we are okay. Be willing to love all the 'bastard' parts of ourselves. If we find ourselves judging something we do, we can say to ourselves, "I love myself *while* being crossdressed, submissive, etc." Trying to freeze ourselves into a perfect form will kill us. We need to be flexible, ever changing as we learn to grow into greater and greater self-acceptance. What other people think of us is none of our business. What we think of ourselves is everything. As one of my favorite bumper sticker reads,
"Low self-esteem kills-Up Yours!"

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This is not just cultural. This is innate. There is so much evidence for this from the early life of the female, in her infancy, adolescence, and when in school. Women are more fluent. Stuttering and other speech defects occur almost exclusively in boys. Girls hear better. They sing in tune far more so than do boys. Women are better at picking up social cues, picking up important nuances of meaning from tones of voice or intensity of expression. A man sometimes becomes exasperated at a woman in her reaction to what he says. He does not realize that women are hearing much more than what a man, himself, thinks he is saying. One could go on and on with these differences.

In microscopic and anatomic study of the brains of animals, both male and female, there are distinct differences in nerve pathways. The nerve axon lengths and the size of certain nuclei are distinctly different. Unfortunately, there is very little study reported in the medical literature about brain comparisons between **human** genetic males and genetic females, and there is nothing of note or importance reported in microscopic studies of certain parts of the brain, for instance, the hypothalamus, and the corpus callosum, taken from transsexual individuals, male-to-female or female-to-male. In 1987, a report by Swaab in the journal *Progress in Brain Research*, there are autopsy findings of the central nervous system in two older male-to-female transsexuals. The superchiasmatic nuclei in the hypothalamus in both were enlarged. There were no comparisons or controls, and two individuals are not at all enough to report as positive information. In laboratory studies and research projects, there is an old cliche, one mouse is no mouse for scientific reporting. In August of 1991, a report was published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* comprised of 60 individuals, 40 were controls, 20 were transsexual individuals, 10 of them male-to-female, 10 female-to-male. All were right-handed, and all were subjected to magnetic resonance imaging. All had measurements of the corpus callosum and they were **all** found to be equal. There weren't even differences between the two genetic sexes, and it has been reported in other studies that there is a difference. You want to know - what is the corpus callosum? It is a connection between the two brain hemispheres or halves, and it is reported in other studies that women have more nerve pathways going through this structure than men do, indicating that women have more nerve transmission going between the two brain halves, hence, more informational exchange. Perhaps scans, such as the MRI are inadequate. Perhaps we need to look under the microscope, perhaps even the electron microscope, at this structure in a large number of transgendered, both male and female. Then, compare them with a large control group to learn if the transgendered individual is more like the opposite genetic individual in this anatomic structure. Findings of this sort could go a long way in accounting for transgendered behavior. This work, along with more investigation of the hypothalamus, needs to be done, and this could be a complement to gene mapping.

What else do I want to emphasize to you? When men and women experience brain damage due to cerebrovascular accident or trauma or infection, and that brain damage is in exactly the same areas, residual, physical and mental activities are not the same. It is now quite clear and accepted that there are major differences in organization of the brains of the two sexes. This is based not only on studies involved with brain injury in both sexes, but a number of other types or behavioral study.

There is a study of a group of epileptics, both male and female, who had had a portion of their brain removed, some of the right hemisphere, the area that deals with the shape of things and the space that they occupy. The men with right-sided brain damage did badly in tests relating to spatial skills, yet the relative performance of the similarly brain-damaged women were scarcely affected. Men lost all of their capacity for spatial
IQ testing and women with right-sided brain damage did not. When evaluations of damage were considered in the left hemisphere of the brain, where language skills are located, once again, men with left-sided damage lost much of their command of language, but women with damage in the same area retained most of theirs. Men were three times more likely to suffer from a language problem than women, in spite of their having been damaged in exactly the same places. This leads to the conclusion, now very accepted, that in women, language and spatial skills are controlled by centers in both sides of the brain, while in men, such skills are much more specifically located. A number of studies have confirmed these findings. In women, the functional division between the left and right sides of the brain is less clearly defined. Both the left and right sides of the female brain are involved in verbal and visual abilities. Men's brains, therefore, could be thought of as being much more specialized.
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KIRK (continued) The left side of the male brain is almost exclusively set aside for the control of verbal abilities, the right side for the visual needs. Men, for example, tend to use the right side of the brain when working on an abstract problem, while women use both sides. Now, it would seem that this specialization in the male is to his great advantage, but is that really true? As we have seen in these studies, when deficits take place with injury to the brain in the exact same areas, women come out far ahead.

In recent autopsy studies done on 34 gay males, sections of the brains of each were examined under microscopes and compared with 75 men presumed to be heterosexual and 85 women also presumed to be heterosexual. No known members of the lesbian community were examined. The anterior commissure, a structure in the brain, in the gay male was larger than in the genetic female by 18% and larger than the genetic males (presumed heterosexual) by 34%. Now this work is preliminary, and needs to be expanded and confirmed, but think of it. It shows very conclusively that homosexuality is associated with a central nervous system difference, and it's very tempting to believe that this has to be an intrauterine experience and very probably on the basis of some gene alteration. It shouts out vigorously that this is not a lifestyle choice, this is not something that's influenced from very early contact with other homosexual individuals, and that therefore, it is contrary to nature. No, rather it's because of a change instituted by nature. I do prefer to substitute a change in that word, instituted by God, and hence, it is intended to be so.

Now what am I moving towards? What point am I trying to make for you? It's this. How often do you notice that transgendered individuals have so many of the characteristics of behavior and mental function assigned to the opposite gender? It's true. Many times these traits are submerged for fear of exhibiting too female or too male an attitude, but observe the transgendered individual, especially those moving towards the transsexual end of the continuum. Their femininity or masculinity shows notably in what they do, how they relate and function in society, and how they connect. Some of this is learned, one could argue, but so much is *not.* Does this not imply a central nervous system, a brain, that has more of one gender than the other, and could it not be that, in microscopic examination, done some day, that a person could be more male than female, or more female than male in certain brain structures? Again I say - if one day we can substantiate this in the laboratory, if it is proven that we are who we are **and** what we are by genetic alteration in our earliest period of intrauterine development, what a special scientific leap we shall witness, and what credibility will we then gain!

What does it mean? It means to me,and it should mean to you *(and in fact to the entire world),* that we have reason to be known as special. We are unique, we are gifted because we were constructed that way, and we are most fortunate. We have traits of both the male and the female. We know this about ourselves already, don't we? We know as males, how female, or as females, how male, we feel and what we are in our minds and spirits. What happens, though, is that we suppress for so long, we imprison so effectively the contragender traits, that the balance is lost. For genetic males, maleness comes through with dominance, aggression, one-upmanship, and too much drive. Superior attitude wins out, even when we are dressed. And for females who are transgendered, the need to exhibit balance is every bit the same.

We already know each of us, that we possess so much that is female mixed with male, or so much male mixed with female. Whatever happens in the laboratory, whatever it is that comes to the medical literature, be it in our lifetime or not, should we not pay attention to the development of the traits, the characteristics and the assets that are our own as found in both genders? Should we not stop nullifying and denying the better of both male and female? How wives and support persons, with fellow workers, and with our sisters and brothers in this community, taking the best of both genders and blending them, cultivating them and utilizing them to benefit our local organizations and our national ones. Won't we, and those we work with, interface better within the community? Won't we all benefit?

I want very much to make a plea to you based on what I have discussed with you today. None of us should be only male, or only female. We should strive to develop the ability to negotiate, to facilitate, to tactfully help a situation to a conclusion that benefits all, and at the same time use the talents and aptitudes that our genetic gender gives to us. It can work at home, in the workplace, and it *can work* in the various organizations in this community. Cooperative, meaningful exchange with no ego, no criticism that damages, whether it be in print or in conversation. There can be support by word and, if possible, by donation of time and money, yes, and also by conciliatory exchange throughout the community. We have a Congress of Representatives that needs grassroots involvement and participation by the various clubs and organizations. We need to put ourselves vigorously to joining together in this group to give strength and vitality to the whole community. We have a great need for cooperation amongst leadership of that Congress as well. I hope that this coming year will see that take place. We have other organizations, notably IFGE, Tri-Ess, AEGIS and the Outreach Institute. All of these should move in their own directions, certainly accomplishing their own goals, but not give hurt or negativity to the efforts of others, all the while cooperatively helping the whole community. We have small clubs of ten or fifteen, and large ones of two- or three-hundred that can help each other in a myriad of ways, exchanging information, extending joint membership, and of-

fering cooperative efforts in events. We have so much to give to each other and to ourselves because we have this blend of both genders. I repeat to you . . . **WE ARE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT - TO THE WORLD!**

We each have a mountain that we are climbing. On each of our mountains there are plateaus and crevices. At times the ascent is difficult, the climb is precarious, but often the view is gorgeous and inspiring! Part of the mountain for each of us is the *transgendered community!* Amid the other plateaus of responsibility to family and to loved ones, to co-workers and to our business endeavors. There is also the plateau of responsibility to self and to this community that we are all joined to. That responsibility extends not only in this day, here at this event, but in the many, many days, weeks and months hereafter, and in the many events and organizations around us.

I plead with you . . . even challenge you, to take up your responsibility to self and to this community, and to carry it to the top of **your** mountain with you, to the peak where the view is gorgeous and inspiring, where the breath of air is fresh and invigorating . . . where the spirit is at liberty and is beautiful. I ask you to come climb the mountain with me!

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is all about. It is illegal in this state for me and a companion to express our love sexually.

There was a time in Houston, Texas, when it was illegal for a person to wear the clothing of the opposite gender. Ten years before I met Phyllis, the most important gay and lesbian issue in Houston was the fact that the vice squad raided women's bars and arrested any woman with zipper-front clothing. The Roaring '60's on Shepherd Street, which is kind of a place that I go by and pay homage regularly, was regularly raided by the Houston Vice Squad. And women were arrested for wearing fly-front pants. We bailed women out of jail. We went to court. The judges were exceptionally harsh.

While making a left-hand turn into a line of traffic that could get somebody killed was a $20 fine, and speeding on the streets of Houston which could get somebody killed was a $40 fine, a woman wearing a fly-front pair of Levi's was a $200 fine. And so we decided that we would get the best lawyer in town to fight that case.

Well, of course, this is Houston, Texas. The best lawyer in town is a another white good old boy. As a matter of fact, it was Percy Foreman, who was a very famous lawyer. We said, "Percy, what would you take this case, fine is $200, for?" He said, "$2500," So we gave him $2500. And he took the case of Ricky Cortez, *City of Houston versus Ricky Cortez*, class C misdemeanor, and he went back, talked to tke Judge a little bit, came out and said, "Well, there's some mistakes here in the information. The case has been dismissed. Now if you get any more of these cases, you bring them to me. I'll take all you got, at $2500 a crack."

We got absolutely no satisfaction in that, so we got with a women's organization out at the University of Houston. The women there would not go into a lesbian bar. They would, however, meet us at a washateria, all wearing fly-front pants. Then we discovered another anomaly about this great act of civil disobedience. The police didn't care if you wore a fly-front pants to a washateria. This was not a heinous and grievous crime unless you wore it to a bar where lesbians gathered and danced and drank. That's the only place they wished to enforce it.

So, we were in a dilemma. And women were still going to jail. And so Papa Bear, a cross-dressing woman, and I, formed an organization called the Promethian Society. Now why would we would name an organization after someone who had their liver torn out every day in Greek mythology I'll never understand, but we wound up with that name. We investigated and we found out there was one vice officer, Officer Murphy, whose wife had left him for a woman who was the major source of the problem. So, we suggested that Officer Murphy be promoted out of the vice squad and into "prestigious" Burglary and Theft. And they did that. And that was the end of the cross-dressing arrests in lesbian bars.

A survival scheme. The surviving. Making it. Of course they were somewhat less kind to males who cross-dressed. That was a phenomenon. There for a while we had kind of a standing rule that if you had one visible piece of male clothing, that somehow that exempted you from arrest. That never worked. That was a myth. But people thought that, and so they looked awfully silly trying to split the middle out there. Survival technology.

But, there comes a time when one knowingly, with aforethought, intentionally violates the law as a matter of principle. There's nothing new about that. Thoreau wrote handsomely about that in American history. Women and men throughout history have found it necessary. Rosa Parks was just too tired to move to the back of that bus. There have been times when Ray Hill was just too tired to put up with their bullstuff. And there comes a time when you draw the line.

Now being practiced in civil disobedience, I want to advise you never ever violate a statute that you cannot quote verbatim from the book.

I was having a discussion with one of the Lambs of God people outside the jail the other day. I was bailing somebody out of jail and they said, "Well, why aren't you out there with me?" And I said, "Because I don't find anything constitutionally infirm about the trespassing laws. That's why I am not out there."

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There are a lot of laws that I find constitutionally infirm, and one of those laws in Houston, Texas was the failure to identify as a witness. As written, it wasn't a bad idea. As written, one violated that law if when asked by a police officer who had reason to believe a law had been violated, had reason to believe that you had information important to the trial of the violation of law, could ask you who you were, and you were required under the law to give them your true name and address. Nothing in there about "Show me papers," at all.

But how it was enforced: "Let me see your driver's license." Well, when asked that question, my response was, "I do not need a driver's license to walk around the basement of this courthouse." And it was up against the wall. Search. Handcuff! I was in custody exactly one hour and 40 minutes. I got out because one of the municipal judges was returning from lunch and heard over the radio that Ray Hill had been arrested and subpoenaed me to his courtroom and released me on my own recognizance.

We went to federal trial on that matter. The Police Chief's lawyer and the City Attorneys found their case indefensible. And so they offered to settle out of court. And we said, "No, we will settle in court. And one of the things we will settle for is we wish to remove this ordinance from the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Because it is so universally abused that anyone at anytime is subject to get arrested for this. And if you don't have the sucker, then you can't enforce it."

They ultimately agreed on that, and we got all the points down — agreed, and then the Judge said, "Well, what about Mr. Hill's compensation for the time in jail?" My attorney with inordinate reflexes, jumped up and said, "$5,000, your Honor." The City Attorney said, "All right. That's cool. Sounds reasonable." They're spending the taxpayers' money, after all. It's a bottomless pit. Five grand is nothing at all.

The next time we were in a federal court on a *Hill versus Houston* case, they said, what is the settlement amount? And we stood up and said according to precedent case, the previous *Hill versus Houston*, that's $50 a minute, your Honor. And at $50 a minute, I'll stay in jail as long as you want me to. No worries about that. And there is something about let the decision stand, that means that's my rate for going to jail for unconstitutional ordinances. It's established in previous cases, it will survive forever. And at $50 a minute, I can sleep on concrete floors and steel benches with no problem at all.

But if you make the decision to practice civil disobedience, don't even consider what is the popular mode today. Make them ask you to get out of jail. I mean, remember, you know the statute. You can quote it from the book. Whatever that is, and many of you live in cities where there are cross-dressing ordinances, you know that statute. You can quote it from the book.

So when you're arrested, stay there. Call a press conference. I have had press conferences in the hall outside my jail cell. I've had press conferences in the Captain's office. I have had press conferences on the front porch of the jail house on the occasion of my leaving. Have somebody on the outside. Don't call and say, "Find me a bondsman." Call and say, "Find me Lois Lane. I've got a story here." Alright?

You're already out of the closet. You got your ass in jail. And the one thing akout jail is there ain't no place to hide. So while you are already at that point, call the press conference. Now your hair is not going to be what you want it to be. I mean a little time in jail and it just does wonders for your hair. It even does wonders — my beard gets kinky. But, the object is to go out in front of the media and tell your story.

I'll tell you, the taxpayers of the City of Houston and wherever you're from, when they understand that you're being in jail occupying a bed that costs an average of $17,000 a year to operate, are not really excited about their putting you in jail because it's costing them money and they want the money for the dangerous people. They don't want the money for people that the police are annoyed by. We have to become the most conservative people in the country, when it comes to wasting tax dollars on chicken-stuff.

I'll tell you that even the most moss back, from Houston, Texas here in the Bible Belt — moss back redneck understands. They'd have to be almost Pat Buchanan or a Klans person to favor wasting tax dollars on locking somebody up because they've got on a pair of slippers. Now give me a break. The public will understand that thesis every time.

Need help with the media? Give me a call. We know how to do that. I understand media. It doesn't have to be in Houston. As long as you've got a Yellow Pages in your town, I can get you all the press you can handle. We have got to fight our battles out in public. Because we are trying to get our thesis across,

Now we can go in and say, "Gosh, I wish they wouldn't pester me like this." When your ass is in jail, they understand what you're talking about. Because when your ass is in jail, you're costing them money and money is the great equalizer. And the most conservative person says, "Well, why are we wasting our resources on this when they won't even look for the guy that stole my stereo out of the car last night? They ain't even looking for the person that took my kid's lunch money on the way to school, but they're going to take somebody to jail because of a pair of slippers and a brassiere." Give me a break. People don't understand that.

I am not afraid to take my freedom issue to any public audience— any public audience— because of the institutionalized, natural sanity of freedom-loving Americans. Now, if it's a quarrel between Phyllis and the person across the street who's

trying to somehow figure out how to protect the neighborhood from something that doesn't threaten the neighborhood, that's a little close to home. But sitting on the bus, reading the newspaper about the person arrested for a pair of slippers and a brassiere, uh-uh. That's a winner every time.

So civil disobedience is not just the law. But it is also the public change of attitude. I am a respected citizen in this town. I put my name on a ballot and run for public office. I get votes from everyvhere.

I go out and talk to the Hobby Airport Rotary Club. And two or three people get uptight and leave during my speech, but five or six people come up and give me checks. Because I have an opportunity to talk about, you know, in my fight to get the City out of my life, I am also having to struggle to get the City out of your business. And small business people seem to understand that without any difficulty. I don't go out there and I talk about Penal Code 2106. I mention it, of course.

What I talk about is the fan. And everybody knows which one I am talking about. Or electric heater, the one without which the secretary will not work. Everybody knows exactly, the one under her desk, because the fan in the summer time and electric heater in the winter time, that's a matter of vital necessity; and if you don't provide it, she is not going to work in this office.

Well, there was a time in Houston, if the Fire Inspector came in, it was a $200 fine. All right. Now, they come in and the fan or heater is $2,000, and the extension cord is another $2,000. So this piece of office equipment, without which the secretary or receptionist will not work, suddenly costs this businessperson $4,000.

When they understand that, then you move them a very little distance. They've got to break in my bedroom window or pry open my closet to see what kind of clothes I've got. And that is the same Government Intrusion as that fan and electric heater is.

And they understand that. The people that you think are your worst enemy can be made your best ally. All you have to do is demonstrate the one thing that everybody understands. And that is courage. If you are cowering in your closet, if not even your best friends know for sure, then you don't have enough courage to win enough support to make it through these crises in life.

I am not only gay, but I'm an ex-convict. But I don't know anybody for more than 15 or 20 minutes that doesn't know that. Of course they say I wish you'd shut up. My gay friends say, "I wish you wouldn't talk about that prison thing." And my prison friends say, "Don't talk about that gay thing." But they'll have to understand that none of me is going to be free until all of me is free. And I am simply not going to live a dishonest life for anybody.

I tried lying when I was a kid. It didn't work out very well. Never made anything off lying, never got any friends from lying, never got any trust from lying, never got any respect from lying. And I am not going to lie anymore. You either take me as I am or you forget me and stroll away. It really doesn't make me any difference, but I want to tell you I have not lost many friends over the long haul.

I have been able to avoid the company of a lot of people that were too unpleasant for me to care about anyway. Because I mean if you've got a bunch of racial or sexual or gender hang-ups or all that crap, I don't need you. Life's too short. But the really decent people in the world will accept me as I am and allow me to do my work. And my work is about freedom.

Let me tell you, if nobody where you are has got the courage to do what needs to be done — in challenging the law, and standing up — you've already got Phyllis's number, and once you call Phyllis, you can get in touch with me. If she ain't available, I am. Because I would rather go to jail than to leave it where you are vulnerable. It's worth it to me to go to jail than to leave people cowering in fear. I can turn a profit on that stuff. My rate is already set.

But let me tell you, there are those times when we are entirely alone. Standing over the coffins of our frinds who died with AIDS. There may be a hundred people in that room, but we come one at a time and that pain is intensely individual and personal.

But there are those other times when we are not alone. Phyllis kind of glazed over the kind of courage it took to not just to go after a law but to move into City Hall. This is serious, in-your-face stuff. She volunteered to be a part-time volunteer in City Hall. She had to climb three stories of steps to take a bathroom break, and did that for months as she whittled away on a bunch of moss back red-necks to get enough votes together by hook or crook, and get enough people out of the room at the right time to throw this sucker on the floor. And you know it wasn't the liberals that did that. The persons that Phyllis persuaded to stand by her rights were the conservatives. John Goodner, on a dare. It was people that had been moss backing back there for a long time. I mean folks seriously on the take. I mean crooks, criminals — all City Council people.

But they understood that with Phyllis in City Hall, they could no longer avoid the issue. It was in their face. And if you let people escape and don't have to deal with the issue, then you're not doing your *in-their-face* exercises well enough.

I come from on old Texas political famlly. My father was a politician; his father was a politician; his father was a politician. My mother is a political organizer who tried to unionize nurses for the Teamsters. So I come by this very naturally. And I come by this generationally.

When I told everybody when I was 17 years old that I was gay, they

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HILL (continued) said, "Well, this is one that won't do well in politics." And then I went to the joint, and they said, "Boy, this sucker is gone for sure." Well 15 years out of the 17 years I was out of the joint, and 26 years as openly gay, I am as accepted in the Harris County Courthouse as Phyllis is. Phyllis got there on a bar card; I slid in on the "Good Old Boy" tradition.

We're able to go backstage and deal with judges and prosecutors and the lawyers who tell the judges what is the law. We have such a thing because we don't always elect people that know what the law is, and they get definitions of the law that affect people like us. They are people who have in history and tradition no place that even equal rights, much less the occasional break, and the sometime privilege. We are able to go back and talk to people who are looking literally at every word in the law and talk about the human costs involved. We are able to touch the feelings of people who have otherwise no feelings for people like us.

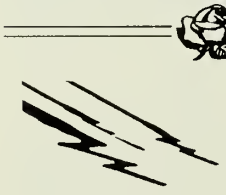
There should be Ray Hills and Phyllis Fryes in every courthouse—in every courthouse in this country. There is no population so small that there is not someone there that is hurting the way everyone in this room have at one time or another hurt. There is not so rural a community that does not have someone who feels the pain of the prejudice and who's trying to apologize for their existence.

If I leave you with any thought, I have built a reputation for being a courageous person. I am not brave. I am not courageous. That's a myth. I'm scared to death when those horses last Monday came storming around me to charge that crowd. I was so glad that officer said, "Mr. Hill, could you step aside because the horses are fixing to charge your demonstration." I don't want to get trampled by horses; I don't want to get beat by nightsticks. I don't want to —

Listen, the night they arrested me for the Charles Hill thing, they carried me to Beechnut; they didn't take me downtown. From Montrose to Beechnut to where they did the ass whipping — downtown is where I belonged. They didn't head to Downtown. They headed to Beechnut. I had to talk myself out of that ass whipping. And you never heard anybody — Baptist preachers can't talk that fast. But I pulled my press pass. You know, the rule on that. It's from the Bible: Forgive us our press passes as we forgive those who press pass against us. And convince them that you can't get away with bruising up Lois Lane.

But anyway, I am scared. There are times when I have to keep my feet apart, so my knees won't knock. But I'll be damned if I'll let the suckers see me sweat. I'll burn in hell before I'll let them make me show them weakness. No way. "You are a good and worthy person," as my grandfather told me. He said, "There is nobody alive that is any better than my grandchildren. Nobody." He did, however, go on to say that it is important, and most people forget to do that, it is every grandfather's obligation to tell their subsequent generations that. So you're not any better than anybody else. Don't forget that.

In your struggle for freedom, deny no one theirs.



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OHIO
State Medical Board. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours.

OKLAHOMA
Board of Medical Examiners/ Department of Health. Must be 21 years of age and have a B.S. in an approved field. 600 hours.

OREGON
Department of Human Resources/Health Division. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 600 hours.

RHODE ISLAND
Board of Examiners of Electrolysis/Department of Health. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 650-hour apprenticeship.

SOUTH DAKOTA
State Board of Cosmetology. 2100 hours.

TENNESSEE
State Board of Electrolysis Examiners/Department of Health and Environment. Must be 18 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. 500 hours.

UTAH
Department of Health and Environment. Must be 18 years of age. 500 hours in cosmetology/ barbering school.

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a problem, but as a symptom of emotional issues far deeper, and far more deadly.

"Finally, I would like to remember Lou ..."

I never met Lou, and I never really knew any female-to-males. I occasionally met one at a convention, and I remember reading about Lou in the old Gateway Gender Alliance newsletters, but that was about the extent of my contact. Then I learned Lou had AIDS. Then came the book *Information For The Female-To-Male,* by Louis Sullivan, and then another book, *From Female To Male, The Life Of Jack Bee Garland,* by Louis Sullivan. Suddenly I began to take notice. Who was this guy? I began reading articles and digging a bit into his history. What I found was a leader, a researcher, and a writer. I found an extraordinary human being who had devoted his life to making other people's lives better.

When Lou died I felt sad and proud at the same time. Here was a man who knew he was going to die, yet devoted his remaining years to making this a better world. When he died, I know he died with the knowledge that the world was in fact a better place because he had lived. I pray that when my time comes, I can say the same.

Lou left us with one of my favorite quotes, "I may never become a gay male, but at least I'm going to die as one." Lou had achieved fulfillment. Lou taught me a great lesson about giving, and about the power of human dignity. Perhaps even more than that, Lou taught me to never ever forget the beauty and the humanity of our brothers.

Then I blew my candle out.

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PARTICIPATE OR SPECTATE

Dear Editor:

Angela Martin's article in issue #62, **"Support Group or Club?"** came at a particularly ap-propriate point in my life. From her article I can tell we share the same outlook on our "community."

I was an active member of a transvestite/transsexual group in New England. Due to forces somewhat beyond my control I had to move to another city over 500 miles away. I have joined a local group here, and have attended every board of directors meeting of this group for four months despite not holding a seat on the board. After evaluating my present group and the group I left, based on Angela's twelve well-reasoned points, I conclude that my present group is merely a social club, while the group I left in New England is a support group.

My old group makes new members feel welcome. Members and prospective members need not dress when at group functions. There is a support group for wives and significant others. There is outreach and education at local colleges and other institutions, and much more.

My new club meets once a month. Everyone must dress, and the members basically sit around trying to be admired. I and some others oppose the dress code, but some members are afraid we will be invaded by non-transgendered people and will be outed, or will be hit on by men. I think that the possibility of either is extremely remote, and that some people flatter themselves.

To me, personal growth is more important than social functions. I do enjoy social activities, but look for more. I get tremendous satisfaction interviewing and helping new comers. We all remember what it was like meeting our first person with transgendered behavior. Seeing a person grow, overcome guilt and achieve some form of inner peace is the best thing I've experienced as a member of any club. Playing a small part in that person's inner transformation enables me to grow, too.

Although it is hard to convince people of this, I have found, through working in our "community" as well as for charity, that if one gives from the heart without expectation of physical reward, the emotional rewards are the greatest rewards possible, and come back ten-fold. Seeing a person or organization grow or enlighten the general public, and knowing you contributed is wonderful and satisfying.

Now, I don't think any group is perfect, the one I left included. We were always trying to figure out ways to motivate the general membership and to grow. The work always seemed to be done by a few, while the many looked on.

I didn't know, until I left, how

blessed I was. The group met twice weekly. They have their own house. There are many outside events and outreach opportunities. I took all this for granted. Now that I cannot avail myself of all that, I miss it terribly, and am angered by the apathy and lethargy of the general membership. They have so *much*. They should put something back. Even small efforts for any group can add up to something big.

The message I have, and that I picked up from Angela's article, is: Participate, don't Spectate. Look externally instead of focusing internally. You can be selfish and superficial, or you can be giving and concerned. I feel the second is the feminine response, while the first is the masculine one. If all you care about is looking feminine, and you ignore your inner self, what exactly are you accomplishing? I doubt that there is an organization anywhere in the country, or in the world, that wouldn't welcome an extra pair of hands.

The more of us that help others to help themselves, that help society in general to accept us, and that give freely of ourselves, the sooner any guilt or stigma relating to transgendered behavior can be eliminated. I urge everyone to overcome their paranoia and narcissistic tendencies and grow as individuals and as a real community (without quotation marks).

Thank you Angela!

Sincerely,

Jessica Warren

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THE TIME IS NOW

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading Nancy Cole's fine article, "In Search of a Community." She is right on target but missed one very important point. Nancy is critical of the way our community has worked to pull itself apart rather than come together. She calls for a national summit, so to speak, at the IFGE Coming Together convention in Philadelphia in March. First, let me say that Nancy is courageous to speak out so candidly. And the IFGE is both wise and deserving of our respect for printing her article. Nancy says, "I have offended many. That you are still reading this is good." I say that it is downright amazing that the article was printed at all.

Listen, ladies, Nancy was gentle in her criticism. Wake up and smell the coffee. Our community no longer has the luxury of bickering among ourselves. Actually, I would not be too concerned about what is happening under normal circumstances. Any relatively young community will have these growing pains. Leaders will emerge and they will pursue their agendas aggressively. The newer and the smaller the community, the greater the influence these leaders will have and the stronger they will feel they need to be, in directing their agendas. There is nothing sinister in this as long as our leaders are not in it for the money and Lord knows, I haven't seen many Corvettes in the IFGE or Tri-Ess parking lots. So we can only assume that, while a bit dysfunctional, our leadership consists of people with basically good intentions.

Historically, organizations such as those that represent our community will often not come together during their first generation. When the original leaders die off, the groups will either die off or will be absorbed into one another. Let's face it. If I wanted harmony bad enough, I'd sell my house, turn it into a club house for the gender community, give up everything I've got, come out of my closet, and devote my entire life to the development of an organization that consumes all of my waking hours and every ounce of my emotions. I'd then be a leader and would be entitled to become caught up in the emotions of putting heart and soul into my efforts, etc. It is this dedication to my well-being that our leadership often displays that has allowed me to be so forgiving in the past. But times are changing, and so must the attitudes of our leaders if they are to continue to speak for and serve us.

We do not have time to wait for the second generation - the Nancy Coles - to emerge. There is a growing tide in this country that does not bode well. Resolution 9 in Oregon and other anti-gay, anti-alternate lifestyle efforts are not dead. While the recent election may have bought us time by hopefully neutralizing the move to the right of the Supreme Court, the Far Right conservative movement is even more determined than ever. Lacking the cause of communism, they have adopted the anti-gay issue as their rallying point and this is not good for us. Four years ago, Pat Robertson held his followers together with such power that he was able to take over a major political party, dominate a political convention, mold a party platform, and force a President to modify his view on abortion, homosexuality, and other issues. Four years from now, this faction will be even stronger. The difference is that they will be really pissed!

I fear that we will see a continued move to the right and if, in four years we do not see substantial changes in the economy, a conservative backlash will take place that will set our community back—and our country— literally a hundred years.

We have much to do. "Queer Nation" and other militant gay rights groups have proved that aggressive efforts to make the straight public accept the gay community do just the opposite. Backlash results. But they haven't learned this lesson, so while that portion of our community (and to the general public the gay community and the gender community are one) becomes more obnoxious, the general population is growing less tolerant and more oppressive. This will all come to a head in our lifetime, and when it does, you can expect the stakes to get much higher for all of us.

My point is that our leaders and our support organizations are fiddling while the fires are being set. I can't see the flames, but I can smell the smoke. If you can't see the smoke,listen to Rush Limbaugh or Pat Buchanan. You and I and

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our leaders don't have much time left to educate the public and to get ourselves straightened out. If I'm right, in fewer than ten years, IFGE and Tri-Ess (as well as the other groups who claim to represent us) could well be outlaw groups. When that happens, the county sheriffs here in central Florida who are financially supported for office and elected by the religious right will infiltrate our support group meetings and work to publicly expose and humiliate our members. There is a national agenda by this far right movement to use gay and gender issues to keep the masses stirred up and to keep their pocketbooks open. There are direct parallels to pre-Nazi Germany in the 1930's. The difference is that while no one today would persecute someone for his politics, even your own father is likely to denounce you for your sexual orientation or gender dysphoria.

But then, I could have miscalculated. I might be wrong about where we'll be in ten years. Ten years from now homosexuals and those other "perverts" who wear dresses might be jailed or even executed. Things could be even worse than predicted. No one really feared Resolution 9 in Oregon when it was up for a vote. After all, we all knew that we still have a Constitution and we still have a Supreme Court to step in and declare the law unconstitutional. But then, we are only one heartbeat away from a court packed with people whose hearts are filled with hate and ignorance.

Our freedom is fragile and precarious. If you are not part of the solution, you are part of a very serious problem that threatens my well-being and perhaps my life. Enough is enough. If you have ever had the slightest idea that you are or might want to be a leader in our Community, I implore you to read Nancy Cole's article. But I urge you to read it while telling yourself that the article is directed right at you. Very few of our leaders are innocent of being part of the problem that she identifies.

Crossdressing was illegal during our lifetime. Don't think it might not be illegal again before we die. If it happens, it will be because we didn't educate the public well enough or fast enough. We were too busy bickering over words, personal recognition, and *leadership*.

Oh, heck, things aren't that bad. Russia could go capitalist, the Berlin Wall could come down, and I could vote for a Democrat before anyone would discriminate against a crossdresser.

Sincerely,

Kelly Stevens

THE FUTURE IS NOW

Dear Sister,

In Colorado we are facing the implementation of Amendment #2 which cancels any legal protection for gays and lesbians, and promotes prejudice and intolerance. Through public ignorance, we in the gender community suffer, too. I pray that this measure, sponsored by the religious right and passed by a slim majority (53-47%) will be declared unconstitutional in the courts.

My concern is that the hatred and bigotry which underlie this ammendment will spread to other states. Oregon just defeated a more stringent initiative. I understand similar measures are being planned in other states.

To preserve our personal rights and protection under the law, members of the gender community must actively oppose these laws. The need to educate mental health professionals and the general public is the greatest it has ever been.

Sincerely,

Shirley K. Knight

WE ALL BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING

Dear Editor:

When I wrote to your organization, I knew I couldn't be alone, but I am amazed at how unalone I am. I am almost overwhelmed by the amount of information I have received from you and Tri-Ess.

I have finally begun to understand some of my repressed feelings, and feel as though I have begun a journey of unknown duration, to an unknown destination, and over stormy waters.

Love,

Jill

THE DANCE OF ANGER

Dear Editor:

In response to Mary Lynne White's article, "**Dancing the Dance of Anger,**" there are many types of anger. I believe that constructive anger is necessary. It helps us to stay focused, to sustain hard times, and to rally our forces against those who would oppress us (e.g., the people who voted for Ammendment #2 in Colorado).

Juno and Vale summed up constructive anger very well in their book, *RE/SEARCH #13: Angry Women*. They state, "Anger is an emotion which must be reclaimed and legitimized as Woman's rightful, healthy expression - anger can be a source of power, strength and clarity as well as a *creative* force . .

"Anger can spark and reinvigorate; it can bring hope and energy back into our lives and mobilize politically against the status quo . . . We need a renaissance of hope which anger can bring - stuck as we are in the midst of an existential, angst-ridden *culture of cynicism* which has helped implant a widespread attitude of passivity and submissive acceptance."

Where would the civil rights movement be without constructive anger? The suffragettes? Would there have been any Stonewall Riots without constructive anger? What will become of us if we are

not allowed our anger?

If anger is the emotion that drives our fight against our oppressors, we must harness it to the best of our abilities. Each one of us needs to direct our anger/energy outward and let people know that we aren't the perverts, the child molesters, the psychotic killers that this stereotyping society has made us out to be, but that we are instead good, decent people who will stand up and demand our civil rights, our right to pursue happiness as the gender we choose to be.

Sincerely,

Heather H.

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AIDS AND THE GENDER COMMUNITY

Dear Editor:

Sister Mary Elizabeth's letter in issue #62 raises the issue of AIDS & the Gender Community. This disease is devastating our community.

As a counselor working with our community in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco, I have seen this disease kill dozens of people. Many were transgendered. Just this year we lost Sable Phoenix to AIDS. Last year we lost Lou Sullivan, a founder of the F-M community. His loss was a great blow to us all.

I have observed that there are no treatment services specifically targeting our community in San Francisco. Some programs refuse to treat transgendered people because they work with gay men. Others can't or won't out of prejudice or ignorance.

Mary Elizabeth quotes Diana Alan of Australia, referring to the backgrounds of sexual, physical and emotional abuse of the AIDS victims. They were often forced from their homes at an early age, and went into prostitution in order to survive. About two-thirds of the women I see were child prostitutes. They universally suffer the symptoms Ms. Alan describes: educational disadvantage, belief that they are not wanted, feelings of worthlessness, and belief that they are unemployable. Ms. Alan goes on to say that 40% engaged in IV drug use. I have witnessed at least as much. Many have used crack cocaine and "ice" (a smokeable form of amphetamine) that is infinitely more addicting. While high, many will engage in unprotected sex with multiple partners. Many enter abusive relationships. In San Francisco, there is no place for a transgendered person to go to get help. The battered women's shelters will not help them, leaving only the mental health system, which is no place to get help in this kind of crisis. Sex workers who are drug users often "use to work and work to use," thus making the cycle very difficult to break.

The Tenderloin has a large population of Central American refugees and others from developing nations. Transsexuals from these countries have, indeed, experienced treatment "worse than women," although I take exception to the implication that we are not women. To compound the Problem, many of them carry with them all the emotional baggage of years of abuse and disrespect. They often have language and cultural differences, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and other problems.

There have been materials on HIV/VIH and AIDS/SIDA published in at least half-a-dozen languages. These have targeted the Gay/Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Heterosexual communities. I have yet to see anything focusing on the needs of transsexuals. In spite of this, the word is getting out to some, otherwise the death rate would be much higher. Nevertheless, the information is still not reaching everybody, otherwise we would see a decrease in the numbers of transsexuals contracting HIV disease.

It is time for our community to act. We can start by becoming aware, helping and reaching out to our sisters and brothers living in poverty and deprivation. If we used just a fraction of the talent and energy that goes into these expensive conferences, a fraction of the money spent, then maybe our brethren who are less well off could survive and lead better lives. Get involved, join ACT-UP, Queer Nation, or some similar organization. Remember, crime results from desperation, and desperate people do desperate things.

Faithfully,

Christine Tayleur,
Gender Services Coordinator,
Tenderloin Self Help Center

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CROSSDRESSING AND HONESTY

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Kyelle Blake's article, **"A Call to Honesty,"** in *Tapestry* #62. No doubt you are as familiar as I am with the explanations that crossdressers give for their behavior. I have never been guilty of any of these. I have no idea what it feels like to be a woman, and I am quite certain that there is no woman inside me. Whatever else I am guilty of doing, I have not invented fairy stories to explain what I do. I do it because I like to do it. When I am dressed and made up, and I look in the mirror, I like what I see. I admire my skill in making myself look feminine. I recognize that there is a great deal of narcissism in this kind of behavior, but I allow myself to live with it.

In my present position, I have very little contact with anyone close to me. My second wife died five years ago, and I see each of my four children only once in a while. I live alone in a rural region in Vermont. Crossdressing has been a regular thing for me.

Moreover, I am out in the world all the time as my other self. I am well known in the town as a crossdresser, and I enjoy that as well. I experience an excitement when I step into my car to go to town for

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my basic needs. I have not yet been able to find out what that is all about. I don't think I am self-destructive as I never take any chances and have never been in a harmful situation. But, I am a compulsive purchaser of things related to crossdressing. I possess a closet bulging with stuff, more things than I will ever need or even be able to use. I have noticed that not only do I continually add to it, but I am buying more and more.

So, I fit the pattern Kyelle Blake describes exactly. I had already recognized the compulsive character of this kind of behavior, and was trying to exact a meaning from it, but my explanations to myself were like the stories patients initiating analysis give for their behavior. So the article was a real eye opener. I think the recognition of where I am is important. More important, perhaps, than whether I can control my desires to continue buying, although the recognition of why I do it will probably result in my refraining altogether in the future.

With deep appreciation,

Helena H.

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Dear Editor:

I read with interest Kyelle Blake's article, **"A Call to Honesty,"** in *Tapestry* #62. Since I am now in my fourth year of 12 step recovery, I can relate to what she said.

First, I'd like to say a bit about CDs and ego-centricity. Many of the CDs I know locally are self-centered with huge egos. I stopped attending meetings of my local support group because everything was me-centered. Be it trips to conventions of PLOM (Poor Little Old Me), conversation always avoided what was going on inside us. We never related.

After awhile I stopped seeing them as sisters and saw them as men walking around in armor. The armor was not iron, but dresses, heels and makeup, effectively keeping out the messages they didn't want to hear. It also kept the soul from reaching out and touching others.

I've watched dozens of TV talk shows dealing with gender issues, but I have to admit that I have yet to see one that came close to who I am and what I feel. Vicki Lawrence is right when she says that most talk shows are filled with freaks and felons.

Second, I'd like to talk about denial. As I've worked my recovery and growth program, I've had to admit that crossdressing could be my alcoholism. For me crossdressing was a character defect that eclipsed all my other faults. Finally I had to admit being a crossdresser is not in itself a character defect. However, some of the things that ride along with crossdressing are defects, and they are often very serious. Compulsive-obsessive behavior, guilt, denial, resentments, blaming and anxiety are issues I had to face to recover and to grow.

Third, the comment that crossdressing gets worse as one gets older is probably true. It can be a spiritual cancer that eats away at the individual.

In recovery I've learned a lot about my masculine and feminine selves. We both have wants and needs, and we both have to have boundaries, even between ourselves. I've learned to accept responsibility. I've learned to reach out to others in a caring way. I've learned how to feel. I've learned that some things must come before crossdressing. Attending meetings, work, exercise and personal responsibilities, to name a few. I've discovered there's a big difference between being a CD and being a woman. Clothes don't make a woman. But, I've also discovered that there is a distinctively feminine side to my personality, and I can blend it in harmony with the rest of me.

As far as Angela goes, I've developed a philosophy for her: Never do anything you wouldn't want a five-year-old to do. I'm not saying she's a saint, but she does have to be careful.

During the time I was active with my local CD group, I began to feel that there were a lot of cross addictions in the CD community. At meetings I sense that there are substantial numbers of alcoholics, drug addicts and spend-oholics, not to mention dysfunctional and co-dependent behaviors.

One subject not mentioned in the article was the physical, emotional, social and spiritual isolation of CDs. Even though a group of CDs can fill a room, they can still be isolated. Their conversations and actions are like so much lip-synching. They are not being honest. Too many of us use our clothes and makeup to block out the outside world and to suppress our inner selves.

In my growth and recovery I've learned, in limited ways, how to express my feminine self in my masculine mode. Last year I joined two veterans' groups. Since then I've taken part in volunteer community service like cleaning highways, Special Olympics, helping with 10 km. runs, and some fund raisers. It has helped fight the isolation and given me an opportunity to discover myself. Still, it seems to me that most of the CDs I've known would never become involved in such things. For most of them, their lives are centered around two things: work and crossdressing.

I've accepted the fact that crossdressing is not that important an issue in my life. What is important is what I do when I am crossdressed. Do I take risks I would not otherwise take? Is my behavior outrageous? Do I conduct myself properly? We don't have to act like church ladies. It is okay to have fun. When dressed, should we do things we would not want our mothers, wives or daughters doing? If we engage in behavior unacceptable for them, we need to look inside ourselves . By searching for these can we grow as individuals.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Martin

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THE LESSON OF THE LADY SLIPPER

Dear Merissa,

I read your editorial in *Tapestry* and loved it! In many ways I feel the same way you do. **"The Lesson of the Lady Slipper,"** touched me in such a way, I can't begin to tell you! You see, I feel inside the same way you did: torment, despair, depression, unfulfillment, frustration, anger at myself.

Overwhelming my thoughts, even the happy times are short, and the shadows creep upon me. I'm frightened.

There surely is a God, for my very life shows me at times when I don't deserve it.

I envy you and every person who has found the peace that I want in my life.

Sincerely,

B. C.

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Dear Merissa,

Your article, "**The Lesson of the Lady Slipper,**" really got me thinking. First it made me realize there are others out there like me, people who are going through the same confusion, feeling the same anger, thinking the same thoughts.

The woodland area behind my house was always an escape area for me. As a matter of fact, when I ran away from home, feeling like no one would ever possibly understand me, least of all myself. I ran into the woods. I cuddled up in a sleep-ing bag in the dead of winter and decided to let fate take me wherever it would. I didn't really want to die, but I didn't really care to live, not stuck in the male body God had given me.

Like you, I used to pray every might, wishing so hard that I would wake up the next morning being the "whole" woman that I so longed to be. I remember being with my girlfriends and wishing that we could switch bodies, at least for a day, so I could be the complete person I needed to be.

Of course, now I don't really expect God to perform any sort of miraculous body switch while I sleep. I'm finally taking real steps towards making real changes. The hardest part right now, and the one I can't seem to get past, is accepting myself as I am.

I'm always getting angry at my mother for not loving me unconditionally, for her lack of support and understanding. I'm angry because I don't want to be rejected by the close friends that I have. I feel like I am pushing them away without even giving them a chance to decide for themselves if they can accept me for all that I am. I'm angry because even if my friends do accept me, they won't really understand. And, most of all, I'm angry at myself for not giving myself the unconditional love, the understanding and the acceptance that I expect from everyone else.

Your story really hit home with me. I felt like sharing a little of my story because it seemed so similar. Thanks! It's really made me feel like I'm not alone.

Kimberly

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TOMORROW AND TOMORROW AND TOMORROW

Dear Editor:

I have often envied the transsexuals who grew up to be themselves in spite of the ridicule and non-acceptance that many of us face as children. I've wished that I had the strength to throw out all of my "ugly" clothes and begin a new life for myself. I've wondered how I can pull myself up out of the early grave I've been digging for years. I've questioned as to what it is adults must use instead of toys and games to explore themselves and build their self-esteem and develop their personalities in a way that remains true to their souls. Someone must know the answer somewhere.

I'll choose life for one more day because tomorrow I might meet that person, or maybe I'll find the answer within. The darkest chambers and the scariest places to explore aren't found in haunted houses or damp caves. We often find them deep inside ourselves.

Sincerely,

Sarah D.

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COURTESY AND MANNERS

Dear Editor:

Just a short note to those who place ads in the Personal Listings. When someone writes to you, at least drop a note of thanks even if you are not interested. People take the time to write a letter and spend the money to have it forwarded. Some people have written very sincere, honest letters in reply, but others have written absolutely nothing back.

It's very sad when someone can't be bothered to write, "Thanks for your note, but I'm not interested."

Best of luck in the new year,

T. J.

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THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHY

Dear Editor:

I am writing to share my experiences since I found *Tapestry* (and IFGE) almost two years ago.

All my life I thought I was the only one on the planet experiencing feelings of gender confusion. I never dreamed there were organizations and publications

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out there to help us. My first issue of *Tapestry* was literally my road map for survival.

My first step was to get a Post Office box so I could network with others. I then began to correspond with some local people in the Personal Listings. Through this I arranged my first rendezvous with a TV from the local "gender scene." She escorted me to my first gender support group. It's much easier on the nerves when you have a supportive sister like this to help with this first step. For those of you who cannot dress or store clothes at home, these places are a must.

Once I joined this group, I befriended other sisters around my age, and we planned for my first trek into Boston en femme. They called this the Sewer Tour, as it was to the sleaziest drag bars. Looking back on it, I'm not sure how I developed the courage to handle this experience, but I feel this was an essential part of my learning process. It was through continued visits to these places that I learned to perfect my makeup and wardrobe techniques, and further develop my repressed female persona.

Along with these out of the closet experiences, I was receiving literally tons of responses to my own Personal Listing in *Tapestry*. I never had so many friends before, TVs, TSs, and "curious onlookers" from all over the country and the world. Through this correspondence and from my direct interaction with my sisters from the local group, I began to realize that I was different from my TV friends. Their satisfaction with this part-time existence, and their ability to manipulate some magical light switch, shifting comfortably between their male and female roles, had me questioning why I felt so different. After lots of research and soul searching, I could finally admit to myself that I was gender dysphoric. I also accepted the fact that I needed to permanently correct this situation. Living a part-time existence en femme (sort of a week end woman!) just became intolerable for me. I knew this meant a physical transition, up to and including sex reassignment surgery.

In the fall of 1991 I sought a medically supervised program to begin the transition process. I was accepted into the program at the Gender Identity Clinic in Hartford, and regularly attend support group meetings at the XX (Twenty) Club affiliated with the GICNE. The peer support at these meetings, as well as from the correspondence through this publication, keeps me focused on my goal. This is a vital element toward maintaining emotional balance and avoiding wrong paths along the way.

Most of my life I have experienced much turmoil between my mind and my body. My inner feelings differed so much from my physical persona. I was always a sad, young female incarcerated in the prison of my seeming male anatomy. Today, just over a year into this transition, I am truly content with my decision. My body has changed nicely, and is more nearly congruent with my inner self. The hormones and electrolysis treatments have brought on a new-found harmony between my mind and my physical self. I am at a critical point in this change, now, and plan to go full time living as a woman in 1993. I'm still balancing career options (transition on current job vs. starting fresh elsewhere). I will soon be telling my family about what I am doing, knowing full well that this may cost me my family. If it comes to that, I would still choose this route. To me, it's not a means of happiness, but a matter of survival.

I hope that my experiences are helpful to someone out there in a similar situation. I'm listed in the Personal Listings if you are looking for more specific information or want to exchange experiences.

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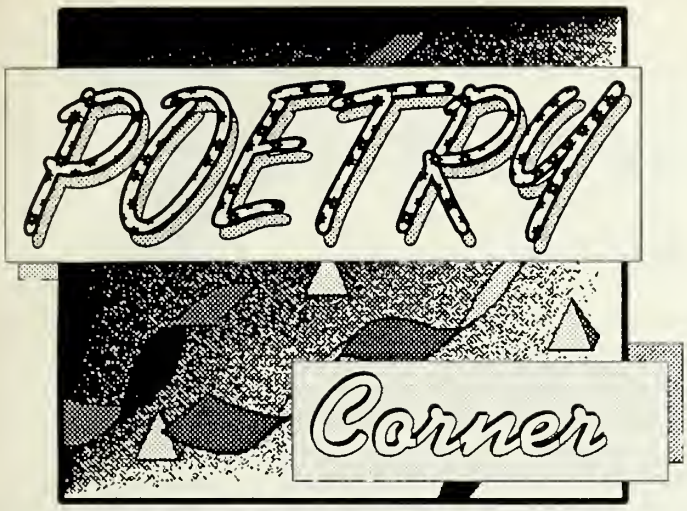

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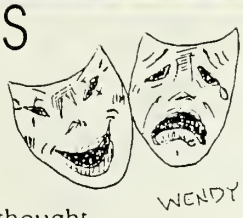

by Wendy West

We all wear masks
the choice is made
through growth and thought
the groundwork laid

So what we are
has come to be
the life we've lived
the truth we see
Yet don't forget
it's still a mask
from many the choice
to confirm the task

With other masks
another way
the ones not picked
we keep at bay

It may seem right
to say they're wrong
the mask we wear
the only song

Remove the masks
we bare the souls
our beings stripped
no given roles

And in the light
of what we've done
shines in them - us
shines in us - one

As masks are gone
the oneness found
in silence sings
the quest for round

9 Reasons Why I Became A Crossdresser

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1) My mother saw a brilliant production of *As You Like It* while I was in her womb.

2) Seduced by a Playtex Living (and loving) Bra when I was seven.

3) Joe E. Brown was my uncle.

4) Visited by the trans-spirits of Chavalier d'Eon and Abbé de Choisy when I was a wee lad.

5) My older sister would mistake me for one of her dress-up dolls.

6) L-O-L-A's my "aunt."

7) The first time I saw a Maidenform Bra ad (the one that went, "I dreamed I painted the town red in my Maidenform Bra"), I was hooked.

8) Dr. Harry Benjamin was our family doctor.

9) Just lucky, I guess.

SLEEP

by Heather Hatfield

I sleep with a demon
in the embrace of his cold hands
I awake! And run, and run, and run.
Only to return on his command . . .
to sleep in the embrace of his cold hands.

DENIAL IS THE DEVIL

Don't deny your past, embrace it, grow from it.
Denial is the destroyer of spirit and soul.
(Denial is the devil. Without denial, there is no sin.)

(For those interested; Ms. Hatfield has printed a collection of her poems written about conflict, love, hate, and the desperation of being dual-gendered entitled, *When Clothes Are Not Enough.* You can inquire via the author at: P.O. Box 380547, Cambridge, MA 02238.)

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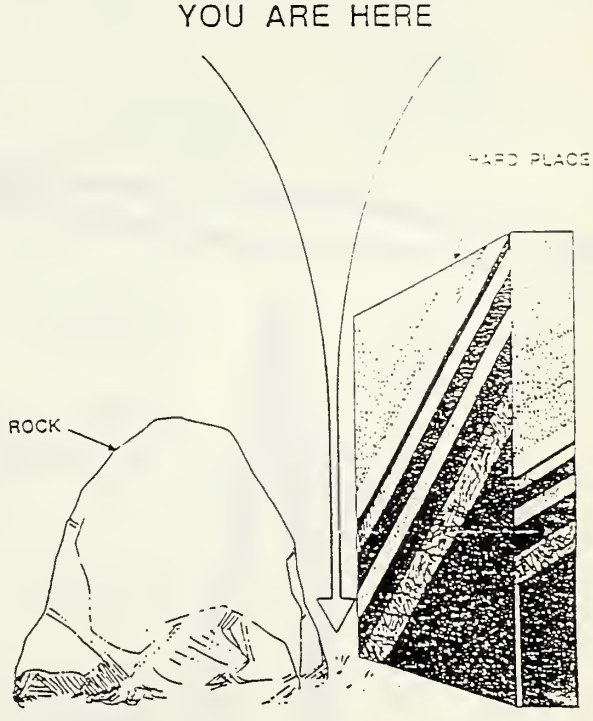

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The Journey

by Sabra Sinclair

What a lonely air I breathe,
Loves and life have been deceived.
No more do I live a morbid lie,
What most did see - it was not *I!*

Into my arms I took my *things,*
Around the moon on lavender wings,
I dream of splendor - beauty - grace,
Seeking there to find my place.

Will seed become a a rose's bloom?
Perhaps a bride in place of groom?
In this patterned world of two-by-two,
Though born as ram - feel more the ewe!

Many say that I should act a *man,*
Only those like *me* truly understand.
It is a tangled path we take,
Our efforts to right a cruel mistake.

For some the goal is always clear,
While others fight their doubt and fear.
Though some are bold - others are meek,
Always *her* image we earnestly seek.

At the jouirney's end - *some* are complete,
Some do quit in bitter defeat.
It seems the clay they just can't mold,
Young blood - once hot - turns aged and cold!

In our private world we often coast,
Leaving those behind we loved the most.
But somehow we always cling to hope,
Doing what we must for each to cope.

Often in flight we're left alone,
Yet unique souls - we seek out our own!
If you breathe a stale and lonely air,
Reach out and know - there's someone there!

What *now* is right? What is wrong?
Am I just a bird without a song?
How did I come to be this way?
Will I live my dream one day?

Breathing deep, as I know I must,
My thousands of tears bear a heart of rust.
Will I be reborn - start life anew?
Will the ram one day - become the ewe?

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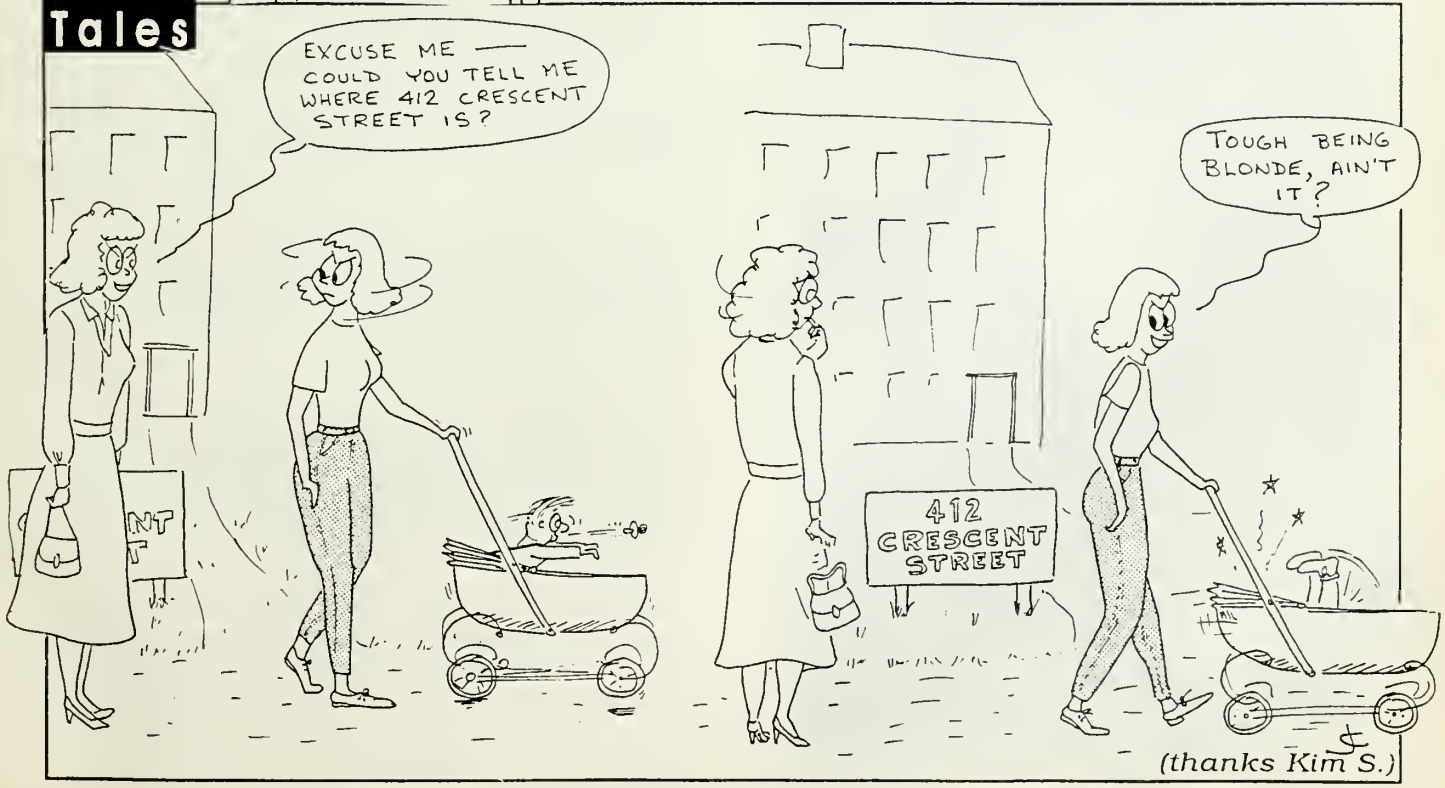

(thanks Kim S.)

On Finding the Reality of Your Being

by Laura Smiley

I have used this letter with much success and positive feedback to explain to my friends and business associates what is happening in my life and why. Its purpose is to communicate a basic knowledge of gender dysphoria; to summarize my lifelong struggle to find and to accept the reality of my being; to show compassion for the reader's feelings and possible confusion; and to celebrate a resolution that works for me, makes me happier than I have ever been, establishes peace with myself and God and creates a whole person.

The support and acceptance I have received from my friends and business associates has been fantastic, perhaps beyond my wildest expectations, but certainly not beyond my wildest dreams. Unfortunately, I have not received the same level of support from my family. This will take time. Their investment in Larry was much greater. A good friend continues to remind me to be patient, and not to expect too much too soon. Unconditional love and time will heal; always has, always will.

I am fortunate to have good friends, both inside and outside the transgendered community, who have supported me throughout this process. Many friends and business associates have told me they admire my courage and integrity. While I appreciate their compliments, I never really thought of this as a matter of courage. Rather, it is a matter of conviction, of choosing to live my life to the fullest, to be myself, and to accept the reality of my being.

My transition has been an important learning experience for others, as well as for myself. It is an opportunity to educate others about gender dysphoria and about our community. Others are learning that transgendered people are from all walks of life and are competent, caring, productive, loving and capable of living meaningful lives. A lot of paradigms have been dissolved.

I have learned not to prejudge people. Some of my staunch supporters have been people I initially thought would not be on my side. I have learned that intelligent people with strong hearts and strong souls will understand. They might not *totally* understand, but they will respect your right to live your life in the manner that makes you happiest and most comfortable. The others? To hell with 'em, they aren't worth it.

Over the last twenty years or so, I started and stopped electrolysis at least four times; started and stopped hormones twice; made a trip to Johns Hopkins in the mid-seventies; thought that I had to be all man or all woman, no blending allowed; underwent two

I have found my place on the gender line, the place that is right for me.

complete purges, including one that lasted more than five years; grew a moustache twice and a full beard once; was married twice, divorced once and I am blessed with two beautiful daughters. I was obsessed with discovering the answer to the question, Why? More than once I thought sexual reassignment surgery would solve all my problems.

Fortunately, I didn't make that mistake. Now, don't get me wrong, I am not saying that SRS is, in and of itself, a mistake. For many, it is very much the right thing to do, at the right time. SRS should not be THE GOAL. Rather, THE GOAL for every one of us should be to find the reality of our being.

For me, the turning point came three years ago when I spent a weekend in Provincetown at Fantasia Fair. I met some of the most wonderful people I have ever known and began to experience unconditional love for the first time. This unconditional love lifted the shackles of shame and guilt, and I started to believe that

INFORMATION CONCERNING MY GENDER SHIFT FROM LARRY TO LAURA

There is no form of intellectual preparation that can make what I am about to tell you easier. Furthermore, there is no way I can expect you to appreciate all of the implications of what I am telling you. Professionals with the most extensive education, training and experience in this area freely admit they do not know what their patients feel. They only see the indirect evidence of the word transgender to encompass transsexuals, crossdressers and transgenderists (those who chose to live in a gender role opposite their genetic sex without undergoing sex reassignment surgery).

I became aware of my female gender identity around age four or five. I have spent a good part of my life alone, in confusion and pain. Over the last twenty years I have read virtually everything published on the subject; spent time with seven different psychologists/psychiatrists; and wasted a great deal of creative energy and effort hiding, denying and trying to purge my female gender identity to no avail.

What I have discovered is that I am gender dysphoric. In other words, my gender does not align with my genetic sex. I am probably transsexual, but at the present time surgery is not an issue that requires immediate consideration, although I am in the process of beginning my life as a woman.

This is not an acquired condition; rather, it is an intrinsic part, a lifelong aspect of my being. This a rare condition to be sure, but well documented. The influences that cause a person to feel this turmoil or conflict between biologically determined sex and their gender can be characterized as either pre- or post-natal.

In cases where both of these influences conspire, the situation becomes very problematic for the individual. Various solutions have been sought to resolve this conflict, but the only one that has been found effective to date is for the person to live in the gender role opposite his or her genetically determined sex.

Usually, the first step toward resolution is psychoanalysis. Unfortunately, this approach has been unsuccessful in alleviating the turmoil and confusion felt by transgendered people. For me now, the only remaining viable alternative is to live as a woman with the possibility (if at all) of surgery down the road after *at least* a year, most probably two, of cross-gender living.

This will be a time of psychological and sociological stress for me, as you can well imagine. I also imagine there will be some sociological stress for some of you. I have no intent to cause feelings of discomfort in anyone, but I hope you find some way to understand that I need to live my life to the fullest.

Over the past three years, I made some excursion into the world of womanhood, and have experimented with the role. I am now living my life as a woman. I feel an inner peace I have never felt before, and I am happier than at any time in my life. I have never felt better about myself as a whole person. I only hope you will understand to the extent possible. Sex is a rigid barrier for most of us, and to see someone crossing that boundary is disconcerting. I hope I cause you no undue discomfort, and that your sensibilities will not be too severely challenged by the changes I am and will be making.

If there is anything about the issues I have raised and am dealing with that creates questions in your mind, please feel free to discuss it with me for whatever input I may have.

Current research indicates that the most likely cause for gender dysphoria (the confusion of sex and gender) can be found in hormonal effects determining sexually dependent characteristics of the fetus. In general, developing structures characteristic of male and female are determined by the concentrations of estrogen and testosterone in the mother. In the case of transgendered individuals, the basic anatomic features are of one sex, while the gender or the structure of the brain, is of the opposite sex. Another, more blunt way, to describe it would be to say that gender is in the brain and the soul, while sex is between the legs. In most people, they are congruent. However, in the case of transgendered individuals, they are non incongruent.

Post-natal influences on development concern the family structure and atmosphere as well as other factors related to gender typing by society. Family influences that are analyzed include the relationship between the transgendered individual and the mother and the father. For example, many males have a close relationship with their mother, even to the extent of going through an Oedipal stage, but the great majority are not gender dysphoric. The gender dysphoric male continues to identify with women and things female long past the Oedipal stage.

Societal influences include all the stereotypes defined by our culture. For example, male/female is often compared to hard/soft, aggressive/submissive, artistic/athletic, and the other, very subtle assumptions about the differences between male and female.

There is evidence of transgendered individuals in every society and culture known to human kind from the beginning of written history. Research and analysis of other cultures indicate that much of what we call gender is a matter of cultural definition. For example, there are cultures in the South Pacific Islands with dominant females, submissive males and a range of examples between those and what we see in male-dominated societies such as our own. In most Native American cultures, transgendered individuals are considered to have a spiritual gift and are treated with respect as an integral part of their culture.

Approximately three years ago, after almost forty years of hiding and denying and wasting a deal of creative energy hiding and denying, I finally came to accept that my gender dysphoria is a part of who I am as a person, a part of the reality of my being. I have slowly pursued a course of action to find peace, harmony and comfort with my gender. Many of you have observed these changes, and while they seem to have happened "overnight," believe me, each one has been a small baby step after much thought, prayer and analysis.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for caring about me as a person. Please feel free to talk to me about this whenever you have any questions, or just want to discuss the issues involved.

Sincerely,

Laura Smiley
August, 1992

I really was okay. The first night at the Fair I called my partner and told her that this was a fantastic experience; that I was meeting all these wonderful people, and "they are all normal, just like me." Thus began my earnest journey to find the reality of my being.

Over the last three years I came to accept and appreciate Larry's qualities. I am a blend of both masculine and feminine. There are a lot of Larry's qualities that work quite nicely for Laura. I came to see my transgenderism as a gift and not a course. I am unique and I have something important to offer to the world. I have found that I have insight into problems and solutions to those problems that only a transgendered person could have. I finally believe in myself and that I, like you, can make a difference: for our community and for the world.

I am a successful attorney and business person in the oil and gas industry. I am active in industry politics and have worked with a number of governors, senators, and congresspersons. In determining whether to transition in the middle of this industry, or to drop out of my known society and start an entirely new life, I decided that after forty years of hiding and denying Laura and wasting a great deal of creative energy, I was not going to spend the rest of my life hiding and denying Larry. I am proud of who I am. I have a history and a track record that is an asset to Laura, and I can build on that record.

Last April Larry applied for one of four gas and oil industry positions on the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Minerals Energy and Geology Policy Advisory Board on August 30th, Governor Romer appointed me to that board. He was told about my gender change before making the appointment and agreed with the selection committee that it was irrelevant to my qualifications. He also commented that in view of a requirement to consider racial, ethnic and gender diversity in making appointments to state boards and commissions, it looked liked gender diversity was covered by my appointment. The sense of humor was as gratifying as the acceptance.

I believe there are several identifiable reasons for the success I have had with my transition. First, I am clearly at peace with the decision I made and my self-confidence is at an all time high. The world reflects back to you the attitude you reflect to it. People comment that any apprehension they have about meeting me disappears within a few minutes. I help put them at ease because I am fully comfortable with who I am.

Second, I fully accept my gender dysphoria as a part of the reality of my being. I like who I am. I am not ashamed or embarrassed to be transgendered. You must first love yourself before you can love others; and before you can expect others to like love you. I have a gift and a responsibility to use my gift to benefit society.

Third, I established a support network of friends, not only in our community, but also in my business and social communities. I believe the support of friends and business associates is critical. This is the real world and you are with them at work and socially. They can help you successfully integrate your new identity and help move others to accepting your transition.

Fourth, I established a track record as a caring, competent, successful and valuable human being. I cannot overemphasize the importance of establishing value before transitioning. It gives you credibility. A friend of mine who happens to be a Black woman, said, "Laura, you did it right. You established your value to this industry and then you established your personal identity. If you had tried to transition ten years ago, before establishing your value, you would have had more trouble making it in this world than a Black woman." She couldn't be more right.

And fifth, I celebrate myself and my gender change. I am happier than I have ever been, I like myself and I am self-confident. I am assertive in communicating my gender change and what it means to me. I called or wrote to business associates and told them what was happening. I made it clear that I had no intention of being "an issue" or of distracting from the work at hand. I emphasized that I am the same person with the same heart, mind, soul, and abilities. I told them I cared about them and thanked them for caring about me.

It has been a long, hard struggle. I have found my place on the gender line, the place that is right for me. I had to find myself, to discover who I am. I had to accept all of me, the good, the bad and the ugly as well as the masculine and the feminine. And, I had to love me for who I am.

My place is not your place and may not be right for you. However, you can find your place on the gender line and be happy and at peace. It requires that you find yourself, know yourself, accept yourself and celebrate yourself.

You are unique. There is no one else like you. Find and accept the reality of your being, whatever it is, and be proud of who you are. Time is of the essence. As my friend Wendi Pierce is fond of saying, "**Go for it.**"

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It Could Happen in Philadelphia

by Nancy Cole

I have become involved in working for our community to a far greater extent than I had ever expected to, or even imagined. I am not complaining, for at each turn, I, unlike many who have gone before me, had a choice. With the simple nod of my head, I could have declined both work and position. But, I did not. I cannot, today, tell you what made me continue on when logic dictated otherwise, but I have, and, as a former boss of mine used to say, "Here we are." Where here is, however, is not the issue I wish to address at this time. Rather, it is, "Now what do we do?" That thought is never really far from my mind. And because it is not, I have found that guidance and ideas come from the most unusual and unpredictable places.

It was a cold and rainy morning in beautiful non-sunny Kansas, too cold and rainy for my morning bike ride. Stirred from bed by the need to dispatch my herd of munchkins to school, and unable to justify returning to bed, I decided to use the indoor exercise bike. A quick glance out the window told me that the world, at least the immediate area that surrounds "The Money Pit," was still intact and therefore there was no need to tune in CNN to catch up on all the news that was already hours old and, thanks to Headline News, would still be with us later in the day. So, to cheer up an otherwise somber morning and take my mind off the grind of the exercise bike, I plugged the video version of the musical play *1776* which I had purchased while wandering about the Northeast recently. When I started the tape, my intent had been purely entertainment. By the time I finished, I found that I had been enlightened and encouraged. Let me explain.

The people who populated the thirteen separate British colonies in North America in 1763 were educated, prosperous, and self-reliant. Though their origins were as diverse as the motivations that had driven them from Europe into the wilderness of the American continent, once here, they were faced with challenges and demands that welded the populace of each colony together. Each colony became more than a mere extension of the mother country. It became a unique community unto itself, dependent on the mother country, and yet able to function as an effective community within a community. The only problem in 1763 was there were thirteen colonies and the thread of continuity, a shared mother country, language, and political system, was not strong enough to bind the separate colonies together. It took a common cause, an external threat provided by the common mother country itself, to drive the thirteen separate colonies together.

Now, as I pedaled my way through imaginary laps, I began to think of the similarities between the men who met in Philadelphia in 1775 and our community. Not only did many of them wear wigs and stockings, the need that drove them to come together was so much like the one that faces us: the need to come together and deal with common issues and common concerns. Now, for those of you who have seen this play or remember your history, you will know that this was no easy task. Fact is, the task of bringing together our community is, in comparison, a piece of cake. Regardless of what we do, our actions will never result in the deprivation of life, liberty, or property to the extent that the members of the Continental Congress faced. Had Washington and his army failed completely, instead of just frequently, every man who had put his name on the Declaration of Independence would have been hung as a traitor. Though there are some in our community today who would like to create the image that our very lives are in danger from every quarter, most of those dangers are illusions and imaginary. Though what we do could be termed irrational and illogical, if one were to use only cold hard Vulcan logic, for the most part, participation in community activities today is far from life-threatening. If it were, there would not be the proliferation of regional and national events that we have seen in the past few years.

Somewhere early in the movie, as I watched, listened, pedaled, and thought, I began to make comparisons between what the players on the screen were doing and what we, as a community, are trying to do. Please, follow with me as I take you along the thought process that gave birth to this comparison of mine.

To start with, every member of the Continental Congress was, in his own right and in his own community, a successful, influential, and important leader. During the time of crisis, our forefathers were bright

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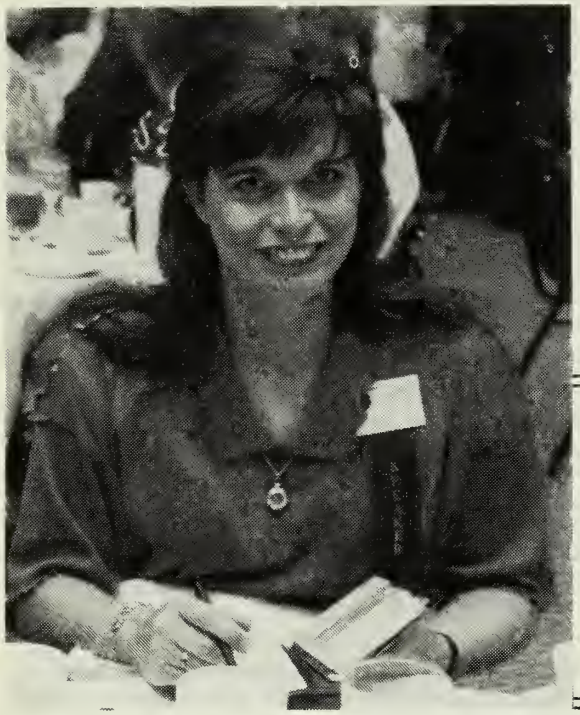
enough to send their best and brightest, a tradition long forgotten in today's world of politics. Each man, in turn, represented a proud and successful colony, a colony, or community if you will, that had its own heritage, pride, and needs. There was little similarity between the seafaring New Englanders and the plantation owners of the south. The same can be said within the transgender community. It can be successfully argued that the married heterosexual crossdresser has



nothing in common with a Trinadad-bound transsexual. Each sub-group within our community, crossdresser, male-to-female transsexual, femate-to-male transsexual, transgenderist, drag queen, wife and significant other have their own agendas, their own needs, their own goals. And each person, regardless of what label they live under, is a proud, self-actuated, and, for the most part, successful person. On the surface, there is little that would promote cooperative action. Very little.

And yet, like our forefathers, there is. For we face common concerns, dangers, and problems. The members of the Continental Congress had it easy. Their enemy was visible and could be dealt with through open and decisive force of arms. Our enemies are social convention, bigotry, and lack of self-esteem that years of hiding and shame has bred. But while we cannot turn on our tormentors, real and imagined, with the same direct approach that the Continental Congress was could, we are not helpless. That is, of course, unless we make ourselves that way.

You see, so long as the mother country was able to deal with the colonies as individuals, the mother country could impose her will without restraint, without fear. Her will, in the person of the King, was supreme. It was only when the thirteen separate colonies realized that the dangers they faced were beyond their own ability to deal with, and understood that a united effort was required, then the mother country stood up and paid attention. This analogy between the actions of our forefathers and our community is not a far fetched one. For, while our forefathers had Lexington and Concord, our community had the Stonewall incident. It was there, in New York City, when a group of drag queens decided not to allow the local police to bully them around that the modern gay rights movement began, a movement that our community has coat-tailed.

Now, as the play *1776* points out, all of this was not necessarily obvious to everyone who came together in Philadelphia in 1775. Rather, in the beginning, the effort of the majority in that Congress was aimed at nothing more than the re-establishment of the status quo, with a few changes made to accommodate the colonies. While there was, in the eyes of many, a need for joint action, revolutionary action, few could agree to what that action should be. It was here, at this point, on this issue, that made the Continental Congress an instrument of change. For while none had a clear view of what should happen, all, eventually, came to the conclusion that something needed to be done, and that only by working together could a solution be found. The debates were long, hard, heated, and, at times, violent. For remember, each man there was a proud man, a man who was recognized in his own colony and by his own peers as a leader in his own right. The idea that a single person's ideals or visions would prevail was, from the beginning, a noncontender. And, because of this, all the participants were willing to listen and work together, a solution, one that eventually led to the founding of the United States as we know it today, became possible.

We can only succeed if we come together, work together, and reason together.

Well into my morning routine, I thought, "Why can't we do the same thing? Why can't the leaders of our community come together, in Philadelphia, and reason together, just as our forefathers did? Why, in this age of computers, telecommunications, and information out the wazoo can't we do what they did?"

The answer, my friends, is that we can. The fact is, it could happen in Philadelphia. Only our egos, our self-imposed restrictive agendas, personal biases, and

the lack of a suitable forum is preventing us from making it happen. Like many who have spent several years now traveling from one event to another about this great country of ours, I am tired of listening to people talk about what needs to be done on one hand and, on the other, merrily tear at their sisters and brothers in word and print, driving wedges and throwing up walls rather than building bridges and patching wounds. It is time that we, all of us who call ourselves responsable leaders, come to realize that no one person holds a monopoly on vision or strategies for our community. There is no right or wrong. For as long as you have diverse groups led by strong and competent leaders, each with its own needs, goals, and visions, you will have various shades of right and wrong. If we can raise our heads up out of the muck and mire long enough to understand this, if we can open our eyes and our minds to these truths, then, and only then, will we be able to create, with our own hands, a truly open and effective forum in which we can address those issues and concerns that are common to us all, whether you be a garden-variety crossdresser or a happily post-op transsexual.

The tools are there. We have everything that we need to make this happen. Today, after some difficult times, the Congress of Reps is rising up from the ashes like a Phoenix under the calm and steady hand of Allison Laing. Complementing this effort, in its own way, is IFGE, working with anyone interested in doing so to move our community into the mainstream of American society and build a cooperative and cohesive transgender community. And, as luck (actually a lot of hard work) would have it, both of these organizations will be coming together this year in Philadelphia. Each organization, the Congress of Reps and IFGE, pursuing the same goals, will do, I hope, as our forefathers did and learn to work together, in Philadelphia, for the good of all.

This will not happen, however, unless we make it happen. For this effort needs you, both the leadership of our community today and those who would be tomorrow's leaders. We can only succeed if we come together, work together, and reason together. This will take hard work. It will require each and every person to respect the rights, the visions, and the opinions of their sisters and brothers. It will require the subordination of personal egos and agendas in the name of the common good. I am not advocating submission, for submissive people cannot accomplish what they need to do. Rather I am asking that we come to Philadelphia and be reasonable people, people able to respect each other. People willing to work together, regardless of background or gender affiliation. That is what we need. That is, in my opinion, the only way that we will succeed. It is, after all, in our hands and no one else's.

I have no great plan, no clear vision of how we will accomplish what we need to do. Instead, like my Muslim brethren used to say to me, "It is in the hands of Allah." So, I trust in Alison Laing's ability to pull the Congress of Reps together and start building a collective forum, made up of representatives from every local and regional support group willing and able to participate. As the acting Chair for IFGE, I trust that the leaders of all major regional and national transgender organizations will accept this invitation from me to sit down together with the Congress of Representatives and their duly appointed leaders and participate in open, frank, and meaningful discussions on what it is that we must do to make our community a true and effective community that serves the needs of its populace. And, as each of you considers this invitation, I remind you what one of the players in the play *1776* said when asked if he favored debating the question of American independence, "Well, I've never seen an issue that was so dangerous that it couldn't be talked about. Hell, yes, I'm for debate."

So, I implore each of you to come to Philadelphia in March. We can make it happen. And, for those who do not understand what I am talking about, for those who feel that what I am advocating is too hard to do, go out and rent the video, *1776* and watch it. But, I warn you, not only is there the danger that you may learn something, you may even walk away inspired.

From the Chair, thank you for your time and consideration.

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Community: A Challenge Accepted

by Jane Ellen Fairfax

(Jane Ellen Fairfax is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tri-Ess. What follows is her State of Tri-Ess speech made at the annual Tri-Ess convention, Holiday En Femme, held in Atlanta, Georgia in November, 1992.)

Last month Nancy Cole published an article with far-reaching consequences for all cross-gendered people. Entitled **"In Search of Community,"** it explored the simmering malaise in the so-called crossgender community. Behind this unease, according to Nancy, were competition and one-upmanship among organizations, and the cult of opinionated personalities who have abandoned once-lofty goals. Too much effort is being spent pursuing little personal agendas, and not enough in communication and working together. Unless we can build real community, Nancy stresses, we cannot hope to educate society toward accepting us as people. Usually, this talk is devoted to the state of Tri-Ess. Nancy has, however, raised an issue that transcends how many new members or chapters have joined Tri-Ess in the last year. If we do not find community, such considerations will be meaningless. If we choose to live in conflict, it is in conflict that our hope will surely perish.

The story is an old one. In the 1700's, the thirteen American colonies were each focused on selfish local agendas. It seemed impossible to bring them together, even against the common menace of England. Benjamin Franklin understood that the colonies could accomplish far more in community than they could with isolated, piecemeal efforts. And so came into being the Banner of the Serpent with its disjointed parts unable to function. Underscoring the stark visual message was the terrifying caption, "Join or die." The bickering among crossgender groups is making them a laughingstock in American society, a force impotent in effecting our acceptance as people. Although we live two centuries after the Serpent Banner, our situation is analogous. Instead of Massachusetts, Virginia and Pennsylvania, substitute the words I.F.G.E., Tri-Ess, Renaissance, etc. The message of the serpent sears itself on our souls with the same grim clarity - Join or die!

What exactly is community? The word itself comes from the Latin *unitas,* meaning *oneness* and *cum,* meaning *with*. When we live in community we are at one with our crossgendered brothers and sisters.

We define as broadly as possible the goals we cherish in common. To create a successful gender community we must follow four basic principles:

> **1)** Each of us, whether person or organization, should contribute to the common pot time and talent for the benefit of all. This does not mean leftover scraps of effort we can spare; it means the first fruits of our minds and our hearts.
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> **2)** We should be quick to share our creative ideas with our sister organizations. By such sharing we all grow.
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> **3)** Each of us should understand that the welfare of the team is more important than our personal agendas.
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> **4)** We should avoid trying to defeat those whose views differ from our own, or to convert them to our way of thinking. While "one-up" is a valid term in golf, it has no place in the crossgender community.

Putting these principles into operation requires a spirit of community that must germinate in each of us. What is a community-spirited person? The First Book of Corinthians gives us an accurate description:

> The community-spirited person does not envy. She does not boast. She is not proud, or rude or self-seeking, or easily angered. She keeps no record of wrong...She always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

This description was derived by substituting the words "community-spirited person" for one word in the original. That word is "love." Could it be that, to create community, we need to cultivate among ourselves a spirit of love?

Firmly planted in love, the community-spirited person seeks to support others. She regards the needs of her sister before she considers her own. If her sister has the gift and motivation to do a job, the community-oriented person willingly yields it to her, even helping her, if necessary, to settle in. She does not go into a snit when things do not go her way. Although she may work to reform a faulty system, she does not withdraw her gifts from needy sisters. Nor does she regard as important her place in a hierarchy or in history. Rather, she caringly accomplishes the tasks with which she has been entrusted. Hers is the way of honor.

Always, the seeker for community listens to new ideas and encourages their originators. If asked, she shares her thoughts, but she does not carp. Written in her soul are the words of the poet:

Love is not love which alters when it alteration
finds or bends with the remover to remove.

Nor does she ever seek to appropriate credit to herself. The word "community" and the word "mine" are incompatible.

Starting in the individual, the community spirit radiates to entire organizations. Nancy Cole is absolutely right when she says competition among groups is crippling our cause. Equally pernicious is the desire to control. How often do we hear of an established group trying to stifle the life out of a separate group forming nearby? Have we not progressed beyond the level of male animals whose brute instinct bids them mark their territory? It is not the business of our group to determine whether the town 25 miles away needs a chapter. That decision is theirs. Nor is it our business to take it as an affront if a nearby forming group does not want to be a satellite of ours. To offer friendship and support - THAT is our business!

Size does not determine a group's success. If one group has 100 members and another 10, and, if, together, they are serving all the needs of crossgendered people in their area, then both groups wear the crown of success. Meeting human needs together, complementing each other's efforts - that is what community is all about!

What does all this have to do with Tri-Ess? Must we sacrifice our vision upon the altar of some generic concept of community? Not at all! There is nothing wrong in believing fervently in the Tri-Ess Family Oriented Method, in exploring and mining its vein of resources. History will judge our vision by the fruits it bears. Our goal, however, is not to make every crossgender group a Tri-Ess chapter, but, rather, to make our resources available to those who need them. If we are to enjoy the full benefits of community, it is not enough to merely refrain from bashing other groups. Instead, we must strive to understand their approach, define the broadest possible range of common goals, and work side by side to accomplish them. No army can be effective fighting piecemeal. We must work as a single unit. Join or die!

Before we can work to build community among all crossgender groups, we must first set an example right here in Tri-Ess. The more values people share, the easier it is to establish a sense of community among them. We of Tri-Ess are, fortunately, united behind a single, clear vision - multilevel support of heterosexual crossdressers, spouses, and families, be they families of one or of twenty. We are discovering new ways of supporting one another. Our Big Sister Program infuses that individual support new members need to feel an integral part of the Tri-Ess community. Our members are talking to one another on Tri-Ess BBS and Prodigy. When our members are interviewed in the media, they are not only bringing the subject of crossdressing before the public, they are reaching those still closeted in secrecy. As we reach out to one another, we are pushing toward our primary goal - societal acceptance of crossdressers and their families as ordinary people.

Our chapters are gardens in which to grow community. To function creatively, a chapter must be more than an extension of the closet. It should, rather, be a place to start friendships, which should develop even away from monthly gatherings. Dining out, playing cards, attending movies, sharing feelings - that is where community takes root. Community is serving, offering your talents for the common pot - writing for the chapter newsletter, helping with outreach, developing creative programs to enrich chapter life. Community is uniting to support a timid sister as she inches her painful way out of secrecy. Community is mutual support - visiting an ill sister, being a listening ear in times of trouble. Community is giving without thinking of what you will receive - be it position, remuneration or reputation. It's hard to give with your fists closed. Community ripens when sisters perceive needs and ask how they can help resolve them.

The Community-spirited person seeks to support others . . . hers is the way of honor.

In every sense, community is sharing. Unless we are willing to share ideas and insights for the benefit of all, we can accomplish little. From time to time, people ask what Tri-Ess National can do for them, or for their chapter. The National Organization can achieve nothing more than the accomplishments of its members and chapters. What the National is, and what it will become, is what YOU make it. You, ladies and gentlemen, ARE Tri-Ess National!

All across America, you, the members, are building Tri-Ess by sharing your talents and ideas. From Reno, Nevada comes a proposed Regional gathering of chapter leaders. One member of Alpha Chapter in Los Angeles suggests that Tri-Ess sponsor a media-covered charity event. A Tri-Ess wife proposes that members work en femme at centers caring for AIDS patients or drug babies. One Houston sister has started Boys R Us, a program for enjoying activities and developing friendships as men. From a sister in Alabama comes an offer to establish for Tri-Ess a five year plan. What is particularly exciting is that all these ideas have sprung, NOT from the leadership, but from you, the ordinary

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people who are Tri-Ess. You are making Tri-Ess into a community of which you can be proud!

What can you do to further the noble effort you have begun? You can read and digest the *MIRROR,* the WACS newsletter, and chapter communications. Meditate upon the Tri-Ess Family-Oriented System and commit yourself to exploring its possibilities. Look for ways to support novice crossdressers. You might want to become a Tri-Ess Big Sister. Introduce to your chapter innovative programs as they become available. As you discover new applications of these programs and develop new ones, share your experiences in the *CLARION,* the *MIRROR,* the Congress of Representatives, and Regional gatherings of chapter leaders. Why not write relevant columns for the newsletters of chapters other than your own? As chapters, volunteer your efforts in marketing and outreach. Invite members of other chapters to present programs for yours. Not only will your chapter profit from the "cultural exchange," but everyone will benefit by drawing closer together in friendship. Above all, communicate! Get up on the Tri-Ess BBS or Prodigy and just talk! When a sister suggests an idea, don't ask "why?" Ask, rather, "Why not?" In this way, you, the members, who ARE Tri-Ess National will realize the full potential of your community.

As we build community within Tri-Ess, we should cooperate in establishing community for all crossgendered people. Yes, the base of common interests will be somewhat narrower than in Tri-Ess. Perhaps we'll have to work a little harder, but the rewards will be well worth the efforts. The principles are exactly the same. We need to define, as broadly as possible, the areas of common cause, emphasizing areas of agreement rather than divergence. As always,ideas and resources should be contributed to the common pot for the good of all. Let us consider, for example, the upcoming Spouses' and Partners' International Conference on Education (S.P.I.C.E.). Yes, Tri-Ess originated the concept and committed to making the conference a reality. But, S.P.I.C.E does not belong to Tri-Ess. It belongs to the spouses of the crossgender community. Several Tri-Ess chapters are contributing financial sponsorship. Into the common pot, the Boulton and Park Society is placing publicity and $10.OO, for every couple who attends the Texas T Party. (Can you imagine how hard Tri-Ess will work to support THAT event?) Thanks to free mailings from I.F.G.E., the conference will be widely publicized. From the community at large will come facilitators and speakers. For one event, crossgendered people will be working in true community.

In Spring 1993, Tri-Ess will be contributing its expertise on family issues to the program of California Dreamin'. Such organizations as PPOC and Renaissance will be contributing in areas they know particularly well. But why should community life be confined to one, or two cooperative projects? Why can't we live our lives as crossgendered people working toward our common goals? Let us make it our unwavering purpose to contribute our resources, time and talent to the common pot. Then let's all enjoy the meal.

The search for community must begin now. It is time to end competition among organizations, send the idols of personality cults crashing into the dust, and bring the clarity of common sense against the private agendas and ego considerations. Let us lift our eyes from coveting what is "mine" to achieving what can be ours.Community will not happen overnight.It must start as a rivulet of commitment in each of us, flowing into the torrent of groups working toward a united purpose, and finally attaining the lake of fellowship by a hopeful sunrise. Now is the time for all Tri-Ess members to pledge their commitment to the search for community. Nancy, you have issued us a challenge. We accept.

Meditate upon that serpent, disjointed and powerless. Look upon that symbol of our Country, our flag, which sits upon each table, and consider what America is today.

For the serpent did not die. Rather, it united to form the mighty land that stands strong as the bulwark of freedom for all people misunderstood and rejected, a native land of which we can be proud. Such can be our community. **JOIN AND TRIUMPH!**

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Problem Areas of Psychotherapy for the Transgendered

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Although great strides have been made in the private sector regarding the care, management and treatment of the gender identity disorders as a class of psychopathology, many problem areas exist which have yet to be addressed at the state level. The gay and lesbian community has only recently begun to demand and receive relevant, quality sensitive medical treatment since the onset of the AIDS epidemic. The psychotherapeutic needs of the transgendered population, however, as well as the gay and lesbian population, have been traditionally neglected.

Due in part to the depathologization of egosyntonic homosexuality by its deletion from the DSM-III (1974) as a mental disorder, gays and lesbians were no longer considered mentally ill, thereby denigrating the needs and issues which are population specific. Granted, the services currently in place constitute a significant advancement over being jailed or placed in a locked back ward for the simple reason of a person's sexual orientation. Nevertheless, relevant, quality, knowledgeable and sensitive psychiatric services for gays, lesbians and even more so transgendered persons are severely lacking.

While lip service is paid to consumer outcry for relevant quality services designed to meet the needs of people with different sexual/gender orientations, little real action has been seen. This lip service comes in the form of diversity statements and equal opportunity statements which include "minority sexual preferences." However, when services are needed, they are either not provided at all or they are provided by caregivers who are unacquainted with the issues of people with different sexual/gender preferences. This is especially true of people with gender challenges. The problems which are faced by gender challenged people are myriad. Many times pre-operative transsexuals are placed in the wrong wards when hospitalized. The gender identity disorders are many times either trivialized, or worse, viewed as manifestations of schizophrenia or viewed as multiple personality disorder. This is, in and of itself, traumatizing, and this traumatization is compounded by the abuse from both patients and staff who may well be culturally biased and homophobic. The issue of homophobia is frequently discussed here as it is a widely held assumption by society that male-to-female transgendered people are homosexuals simply because they do not keep within the narrow confines of what society considers "masculine" behavior or appearance in accordance with the heterocentrist imperative. Janice Irvine notes:

> Ideologically, this "principle of consistency" is the cornerstone of our sex/gender system(44). Sexual activity other than heterosexual intercourse is suspect. . . . [H]omosexuality, crossdressing, and fetishistic behavior are still considered violations of normal sexual expression. (Irvine, p. 18)

This misperception is even noted among therapists at all levels. Many therapists are simply afraid of transgendered people. The reasons for this fear reduce to two. First is that they generally don't know how to treat transgendered people. Consider the following synthesis of the four usual strategies employed by many therapists when dealing with the "sexually unusual." (Dailey, 1988, p. 3) One strategy is the "fake it and hope it goes unnoticed" ploy wherein the therapist will drift the topic back into a "safer" area in which s/he is more comfortable in dealing. Others really do "fake it," giving a false sense of knowledge of what the client is facing and then proceed to:

> . . . essentially experiment or trial and error their way through the helping process. This latter mode of operation is the clinical activity which probably strays farthest from the time-honored principle in helping — FIRST DO NO HARM. (Dailey, p. 3)

Dailey then presents the scenario mentioned briefly above wherein the therapist may not necessarily admit to not knowing what s/he is doing and then "take a brief time out"(p.4) in an attempt to find a suitable resource for research information. Some even go so far as enlisting the client's assistance in either looking for a knowledgeable referral source or engaging in a mutual search for relevant literature. (Dailey, 1988, p. 3-4)

A second problem is countertransference. Societally ingrained heterocentrism still permeates through the training and experience as countertransference. Whatever role we play, level or position we occupy, whatever discipline we choose or whatever professional memberships we may hold, we were all nonethe-

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less, members of American society first. The experience of a total lifetime of being raised in a culture which has a heterocentrist bias far outweighs whatever training we may have acquired for our professions. Compounding this problem is what could be construed as sexual classism. Gochros (1986, 1977, 1972; cited in Dailey, 1988, p. 6) has done significant work toward encouraging helping professionals to examine the needs of traditionally underserved populations which he referred to as the sexually oppressed and the sexually unusual. In the following citation from Dailey (1988, p.6) Gochros observes:

> There are . . . a large number of men and women whose sexual behavior, for one reason or another, could not possibly lead to a socially approved pregnancy. Their needs, therefore, have at best, been ignored, and at worst have been prevented from expression. To a greater or lesser degree, we — i.e., significant segments of society — have considered it unlikely, impossible or undesirable for many of these diverse groups of people to enjoy their sexuality. (Gochros, 1977, p. xxi)

It is because of this lack of knowledge that, as a whole, the therapeutic community either does nothing at all for transgendered people, or they are considered "interesting" and become subjects at Psychiatric Grand Rounds, or, in many cases, the patient is no longer the patient but instead, becomes the teacher. In either case, what was a person in pain is now reduced to an object for study. Furthermore, because of the number of theories which proliferate throughout the professions, a transgendered person could quite conceivably be poked, prodded, stretched and tested to determine whether s/he fits one or another of the theories, and, while all of this exploration is going on, the person inside is still in pain.

Many times, the values of the therapist are projected onto the patient as the therapist attempts to "cure" him/her or rather bring him/her more closely into line with what society considers "normal." Could it be that as people of a sexual minority, we raise questions about their own sense of sexuality? Could these questions also be the same ones that people are afraid to face? We might wish to guide our thinking toward posing a question of empathy in the following challenge: What feelings would you have if you had no other choice but to walk my path?

Society as a whole, because of blatant heterosexism, phallocentrism, homophobia and implicit misogyny (Irvine, 1991), seldom has any kind thoughts toward a male who either crossdresses or expresses feelings of conflict with regard to his gender identity/role. This is one of the prime reasons for the transvestite to be as closeted as he is. It also provides a large measure of accounting for the widespread incidence of severe depressions among those transgendered people who are attempting to function in their chosen gender identity/role. Many feel so isolated that they feel they must do this without help from either professionals or other members of the transgendered community. It is not uncommon for a transgendered person to present himself for therapy with complaints of severe depression, anxiety, substance abuse or, in too many cases, suicidal ideations or incidents. Notwithstanding medical/chemical imbalances, this comes from years of repression and denial. The patient/client is usually well into his therapy program for the other psychopathology before any form of gender identity issues is raised. Usually, when the subject of transgendered feelings is finally brought up in therapy, it is done so with a lot of fear. Much of this fear arises from yet another issue which is that of the fear of "Out or Outed" which is implicit in presentation to the therapeutic milieu and possibly from thinking that the therapist, like the rest of society, will reject or shame him for either engaging in the behaviors or having the feelings. Much of the basis for this "logic" (and it is a logical assumption to the patient/client) comes from the premises that "society does not approve of this; the therapist is a member of society; ergo the therapist will not approve."

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Both of these fears when left to fester, translate into varying forms of abuse. This abuse could either be a passive type of abuse such as neglect, misdiagnosis or unwarranted hospitalization (read incarceration). (Szasz, 1963.) The abuse could take the form of an active type of abuse through medication, electroshock or other types of "aversive therapy" or outright violence perpetrated by staff or other patients. When these types of abuse have occurred, people generally turned their heads or ignored it. Still another type of abuse is far more benign looking. This abuse is the manner in which the issues or problems surrounding the preferences of sexual minorities are either pathologized or de-pathologized according to the prevailing trends in medicine, psychiatry or government administration. At the time of this writing, there is testimony being heard by the Senate which would attempt to make the Sexual Reassignment Surgery illegal. And while the Governor may be actively "pro-gay," when presented with the report of a transgendered person who attempted and prevailed in the process of obtaining quality, relevant medically necessary services for herself through the only means she had at her disposal (Medicaid); had the most violently negative reaction I've ever witnessed.

He even took the time to speak to the news media with it. "I'll make sure that this sort of thing never happens again..." Well, it needs to happen again, and the Governor may want to look beyond the initial impressions which propelled this violently negative response.

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 which went into effect in January of 1992, specifically identifies gender challenged people BY NAME in the two citations below as being excluded from the provisions of the Act:

> SEC. 508. TRANSVESTITES
> For the purposes of this Act, the term "disabled" or "disability" shall not apply to an individual solely because that individual is a transvestite.
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> SEC. 511. DEFINITIONS
> (b) CERTAIN CONDITIONS. — Under this Act, the term "disability" shall not include -
> (1) transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorder not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders.
> (2) compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania; or
> (3) psychoactive drug abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.
>
> Public Law 101-336, Title 5
> The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

These two sections were placed in the text of the law solely for the purpose of insuring its passage as it had been stalled in congress for some time. The basic homophobic attitude is clearly shown here because not only was there clear identification by name, as in Sec. 508, but just above the citation for Sec. 511, homosexuality, lesbianism and bisexuality were mentioned. Furthermore, notice the company in which the gender challenged people were placed. There is no justification for the attitude that we are walking Dumpsters masquerading as people that contain all of society's fears about us committing rape, molestation and mayhem. This is exactly the sort of categorization and labelling which fuels the phobias of the rest of society. After all, don't those we elect to make the laws represent us all? I don't think so.

In the face of all this phobic atmosphere, when a transgendered person or group attempts to gain access to, or demand relevant, quality services, they are accused of "pushing their own agendas" and not considering the reasonable needs of others. The fact that a person is of a "sexual minority" does not make his/her needs any less "reasonable" than anyone else' s needs. This is another example of the language of denial and oppression by minimization. To expect relevant, quality, services for alleviation of pain is just as "reasonable" for a person of sexual minority as it is for anyone else in this or any other society, regardless of cultural identity.

A number of other significant issues arise which are directly related to cultural identity. Apparently affirmations of diversity are made to those minorities who represent the majority of minorities without giving full affirmation to those who are less visible or less in number. Be assured I have no problem with the affirmation of diversity. We have seen diversity statements which have encompassed many diverse cultures. Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered people, however, have been denied the affirmation under this umbrella because they apparently do not fit within the heterocentrist realm or definition of a culture. One question that the heterocentrist elite may need to ask themselves is just exactly what constitutes a culture? Is it race? Religion? Ethnicity? Language? What?

The lack of visibility of a given culture does not necessarily mean that the culture does not exist. What it does mean is that because it doesn't follow mainstream definitions, it is written off as a "sub-culture" or a "deviant sub-group" (Buckner, 1971), or it is given some other label which denigrates its status as a culture and makes members of that culture a "paraculture," a sub-class of the underclass, or the outgroup of the outgroups, as it were.

If we as individuals are to live a full, healthy and productive life, we must acknowledge who and what we are. In the same way, if society is to be whole, healthy and complete, it must acknowledge and accept all people from any group.

For anyone to go beyond that place where s/he is most comfortable takes more than a modicum of courage. This is why it is called a comfort zone. For many people, going along with the rest of society is comfortable and convenient. It takes courage, however, to do what is right and is grounded in principle rather than that which is convenient. It takes courage to stand up for those principles which, even though they may not be held by all of society, you know in your soul are plain, simple and right for you. It takes courage to go against the crowd. And now it takes courage to stand up and make our needs known. It takes courage to speak up and say that we need to be treated by professionals who know what they are doing; who know the issues for those of us whose issues are unique; and to provide us with a sensitive form of therapy.

This is especially true for those of us who are gender challenged or transgendered. We know that what we do is neither sick or perverted. Rather it is an expression of ourselves which we know is right for us. To break free from the constrictions of being just like every other person in society takes courage. To come out and stand up for who and what we are, telling the truth of what we believe is right for us as individuals and not just part of the crowd takes raw courage.

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Regardless of our form of presentation or challenges, we are above all, human beings. We work. Those of us who for one reason or another can't work want to. We pay taxes. We complain about the quality of that work and the burden of taxes that we have to pay. All of us have families of one form or another. Some of us have kids. We hurt, cry and bleed just like everybody else. And, just like everybody else, we hope, we dream, we love, and we wonder about the future.

All we ever ask is to be treated with the same dignity and respect as any person wants and has every right to demand. Pure and simple, dignity and respect. No more, no less.

We gathered to engage in a process of creative problem solving. Part of this process is to identify those problems from different perspectives. I have presented one perspective and there are others to be considered as well. At the close of this forum, work groups will be set up to establish treatment models and guidelines for emergency and inpatient services, community action and staff training. As we go into our deliberations and work groups, let us keep in mind that while we may have been experiencing problems, we also are becoming the solution. We also need to keep in mind we each have creative power and, as a group, that potential is endless. So let us all **THINK, DEVISE, CREATE, INNOVATE, PLAN, IMPLEMENT AND SUCCEED.**

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Getting It Together

by Holly Boswell

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The gender community is incredibly diverse — not just in the spectrum of gender orientation — but in age, race, education, sexuality, religion, politics, social and economic class . . . virtually every aspect of humanity. We are everywhere, sprinkled around the globe. When we come together or try to work together, we are a microcosm — a cross-section of the world. Is it any wonder we have difficulty reaching consensus? Can we ever hope to become a community?

Unity out of Diversity

There are so many reasons why we may always remain fragmented and at odds with each other. Everyone has their own agenda. Every group promotes its own ideology. There is a natural distrust of centralized authority. We are each limited by our imperfect knowledge, perspective, understanding and bias. We sometimes find ourselves caught up in rivalries or embroiled in petty feuds. We have our own fears and insecurities to deal with. We live in a male dominated culture that fosters competition, polarization, us-against-them . . . Need I go on?

What we all have in common are our gender issues, but it will take more than that to unite us. In order for us to overcome our many obstacles and work together effectively as a community to address our gender issues, we must commit willfully and lovingly to do so. We must have a shared sense of purpose, a willingness to compromise for the greater good, the desire to learn from each other, open acceptance & compassion for all.

There's a paradox at work here: *e pluribus unum* out of the many, one. Every biologist knows that the evolutionary success of any species depends on the diversity of its gene pool. Diversity is healthy, necessary, and maximizes growth potential. The free expression of one's uniqueness is supposed to be highly valued. Our nation is one gf many "melting pots." Unfortunately this has usually meant assimilation and homogenization to an extent that the richness and potency of diverse peoples was neutralized. Uniting toward a common cause need not require sacrificing our individuality. We need to acknowledge and emphasize our commonality while encouraging and celebrating our diversity.

Isn't that what transgenderism is all about? At first we seem caught in duality. As we transition, parts of ourselves that had been denied are embraced and integrated. We come to embody elements, once thought to be separate into a new whole. This is especially pronounced in androgynes and "third sex" people such as the berdache, who are regarded as intermediaries between the sexes. This is no static balance, but a dynamic interplay and ongoing reconciliation. Maintaining a community, like a marriage, takes work. But a healthy community can in turn nurture and support each of us in finding the peace, joy and fulfillment of our true selves. A community can also act in concert to represent our concerns to the general public and other powers that be.

The Need for Open Support Groups

Up until recently, most transgender support groups have been focused on the two most obvious segments of the gender community: heterosexual crossdressers and transsexuals. These two segments have specific needs and concerns that are often best addressed in a focused manner that requires exclusivity.

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Meanwhile, as increasing numbers of people with gender issues present themselves and seek support, we are beginning to see how truly diverse we are. Transgenderists, androgynes, crossdressers who are gay, lesbian or bisexual, prostitutes, HIV+ and PWAs, and many other gender alternative people will continue to lack meaningful support until there are groups that are open to them. This is why more and more new groups are welcoming **all** people with gender issues.

A special kind of sharing takes place in an open group. One gets to see the entire issue of gender displayed in a fascinating array of aspects. When male and female SOs and counselors are participating, the spectrum is even more colorful. Rigid stereotypes of what a CD or TS are supposed to be are shattered. Sexuality is seen as the fluid energy it really is, independent of gender. Topics pop up spontaneously and a wealth of experience and viewpoints are shared. In fact, with only a few gentle nudges from a facilitator, the discussion is usually so lively that no programs or meeting agendas are necessary. This is peer counseling at its best.

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Most people who come to a support group are looking for companionship and information. Many are in a formative stage of discovering who they really are and what to do about it. The open dialogue that takes place in an open group gives everyone a chance to hear the perspectives of others who are living or experimenting with all sorts of gender options they may or may not have even thought of. Members can also feel quite comfortable trying out these options, since conforming to standards is not expected. This is especially important for novices who might otherwise be seduced into the only option offered by a focused group. How many would-be transsexuals might benefit more from this open approach? We all need to find our place in the rainbow of gender, and to understand that our colors may shift over time.

There ought to be a support group within a hundred miles of every transgendered person. At the grassroots level, more of these people will be served if the first group in their area is open. As members increase, specialized focus groups can follow. If an area already has one or more focused groups, it's probably time to form an open group to fill in the gaps.

Toward a Healthy Wholeness

What is needed now is dialogue. Despite its rough beginning, the Congress of Representatives is ready to offer a forum for extensive dialogue between support group rep's. This needs to happen in other circles, too. As we open ourselves to the ideas of others, let's keep in mind that their labels (CD, TG, TS, etc.) need not be divisive. They're just a shorthand expression of individuality. We don't love or hate something about someone else unless it reflects something we love or hate about ourselves. This presents an opportunity for integration and healing. As transgendered people, we have an intuitive understanding of this process. We need to utilize this awareness in building our community. Coincidentally, the rest of the world is in need of this very same healing. It wouldn't hurt if we could help set an example.

Because the gender community was first organized mostly by members of focused groups, there has been a troubling lack of cohesiveness that has resulted in polarization and petty squabbling. The hetero Cds and the Tss are like two columns on a weak foundation. With the new trend of open support groups, that foundation can be strengthened. And, as open support groups begin to nurture more columns of non-hetero Cds, TGs, f-to-m Tss, androgynes, etc., we may achieve a structure that can support a roof. With the spirit of unity and inclusiveness that is promoted by open minds, open hearts, and open groups, we may indeed create the temple of a community we can all call home.

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Congress of Reps Comes of Age

by Alison Laing,

Chair of Congress, 1992-93

After several years of struggling to find an identity, the Congress of Representatives is ready to step up to its commitment to be the global voice of the transgendered community. Following a decision to establish itself as an independent organization in association with, but not as an integral part of the IFGE, the Congress drafted a set of bylaws asserting its independence; incorporating its purpose, structure, operating procedures and leadership; and an agreement with the IFGE Board of Directors concerning how they will support the Congress and what the Congress will in turn do for IFGE.

The Congress is in position to represent any and all support groups in the transgendered community worldwide. There is no fee to assign a representative; attendance of a representative at the Annual Meeting is desirable but not required. The Bylaws allow assigning a proxy to anyone who may be able to attend the meeting so a member organization will be represented. There is also a provision that permits voting on critical or controversial issues by mail when requested by a majority of the Congress members.

At the 1992 Congress meeting in Houston, Texas last April, the Congress voted itself independent of the IFGE and proceeded to elect three officers: Chair, Alison Laing; Vice-Chair, Linda Phillips; and Secretary, Vicki Mansfield. To maintain a relationship with IFGE, however informally, it was necessary to re-establish our purpose and create a more structured basis of operations. What was needed specifically was Bylaws.

Memos and letters flew back and forth across the continent over the next few months. The telephone lines hummed with many people expressing their views of what the Congress was and was not. The newly elected officers of the Congress, along with several other members of the Congress and several members of the IFGE Board, developed a concept that secures the autonomy of the Congress, but restores the good working relationship that the Congress preciously enjoyed with the IFGE.

An initial meeting was held with Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director of the IFGE, in early May to discuss how the Congress would continue to receive the support that had been provided by the IFGE in the past. A draft agreement delineating the mutual relationship between the Congress and the IFGE was outlined. This was developed by consensus of the Congress leaders and several other interested Congress and IFGE Board members into a simple one-page agreement. This agreement was approved by the IFGE at their September Board meeting, and will be presented for final approval by the Congress at the Annual Meeting in March, 1993. The agreement facilitates the continuation of the Congress with the Assistance of the IFGE, but maintains the autonomy of the Congress from the IFGE. (This latter point is important to both the IFGE and the Congress, as will become obvious below.) Currently, the IFGE is aiding in the revalidation of the Congress representatives, and will facilitate the Annual Meeting of the congress at the March, 1993 Coming Together Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Over the summer months, several other documents were prepared: a Statement of Goals and Purpose of the Congress, a summary description of the Congress defining the internal organization and structure of the Congress, and a description of the relationship of the Congress with the IFGE and with the community as a whole. The resulting documents are the culmination of the consensus of many people. These were incorporated into a proposed set of Congress Bylaws. Most of this was accomplished by mail and by phone. In this process it was my good fortune to personally meet with members of our community and members of the Congress in Texas; Massachusetts; California; Washington, D.C.; New York; Colorado; Oregon; New Jersey; Delaware; and Pennsylvania. Besides the able assistance of the other Congress leaders, Linda Phillips and Vicki Mansfield, valuable comments and suggestions were

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provided by Annie Johnson, Billie Jean Jones, Jennifer Richards, Linda Buten, and Roxanne De Lyon. Initial encouragement and support were forthcoming from many of the IFGE Board members: Naomi Owen, Sheila Kirk, Laura Smiley, and Nancy Cole. Finally, I must also express my appreciation to the Representatives to the Congress from Renaissance, Emily Sheldon and Mary Ann Kirkland, who allowed me to use them as a sounding board, and especially to JoAnn Roberts, who was most helpful in the creation of the initial draft of both the agreement and the Bylaws, and who was invaluable in the honing of the final versions that had to incorporate so many concerns and comments from others. These documents, especially the Bylaws, are not perfect and already need amending, but at least we have established a baseline from which we can and will move out to do much-needed work of our community.

The call for the 1993 Congress meeting and the preliminary agenda with the minutes from last year's meeting will be sent to the validated representatives shortly.In addition to approving theCongress/IFGE Reciprocal Agreement, voting on next year's officers,and accepting the Bylaws,there are many important business items and actions that will be introduced.

One important item will be consideration of an endorsement by the Congress as a whole for the Bill of Gender Rights which was previously discussed by the Congress in Denver (1991) with no action having been taken. (Subsequent separate endorsement actions were taken by several member groups.) It is fitting that this be done in Philadelphia, the home of the Bill of Rights.

Another important item for consideration is how the Congress can assist in the development of a transgendered issues Political Action Committee (PAC). Political activism is limited by federal law for the IFGE and other similar tax-exempt organizations. The Congress has no such limitations, and is able to provide a buffer between exempt organizations and a much-needed political organization for our community.

Other agenda items to be presented are: (1) How can the Congress assist in the establishment of regional support coalitions; (2) the establishment of a Congress Bulletin Board; and (3) identification and publication of community needs that can best be addressed by national organizations such as AEGIS, IFGE, Outreach Institute, Renaissance, and Tri-Ess. All of these issues relate to goals of the Congress, to be the global "Voice of the Transgendered Community."

There is one last item that needs to be brought before the Congress at the 1993 session. The Congress of Representatives has nothing in its name to indicate what it represents. Accordingly, suggestions are solicited for a new name, but one that retains identity with the word *congress*. One recommendation has been the World Congress of Transgendered Organizations.

A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVES & THE IFGE

The IFGE will provide the Congress with the following services:

a) Allocate time and space for an annual Congress meeting concurrent with the annual IFGE convention.

b) Administrative assistance in maintaining a mailing list of Congress members and their representatives.

c) An allocation of editorial space within the *IFGE Update* newsletter for the dissemination of Congress news such as minutes of meetings, status reports of committee work, or other news of general interest to Congress members.

d) Inclusion of Congress members on distribution for the *IFGE Update*.

e) Appointment by the Board of an IFGE staff member to serve as Congress liaison who will be the single point of contact for Congress-IFGE business.

f) If no member representative of the Congress is serving concurrently as a member of the IFGE Board of Directors, the Congress asks permission for a Congress representative to attend the annual IFGE Board meeting.

In return for the above services, the Congress will provide to IFGE:

a) Recommendations concerning the needs and desires of the community regarding IFGE publications and programs.

b) Participation and assistance in communications with the community.

c) Participation and assistance in the conduct of studies and research projects sponsored by the IFGE.

d) Assistance in the promotion of IFGE activities that are or may be of interest to the community.

e) Other services and support to be identified that can best be conducted by the Congress and that are of common interest to the IFGE, the Congress, and the community.

Whether there is to be a new name or not, the Congress of Representatives is revitalized. A great debt is owed by this community to the people who created, counseled, advised, and especially practiced patience in the rebaselining of this important organization. The Congress is not quite ready to spread its wings and fly, but it is out of the nest. The future of this body now depends on the cooperation and the efforts of <u>all</u> the organizations and their designated representatives. The Congress is reborn and ready to make a difference. Join us in March and help us to spread our wings and soar as we celebrate our gender diversity.

The Self Discovery Process

by Bobby Gene

I knew about myself from earliest childhood, like most of us I guess. As a young child (influenced by the world of Disney) I used to think that if I wished hard enough at night, in the morning I'd wake up "correct." It became a nightly ritual, and a secret, great hope. Naturally, it never happened. When I was old enough to realize this could never be, I spent most nights secretly crying myself to sleep due to my frustration.

I was always the "tomboy," had boy buddies, didn't much relate to the girls . . . all the typical stuff, I suppose. I was lucky in that my first teenaged relationship was to a kind, tender, gentle boy who admired my physical strength and mental will and "male" characteristics. Although it was never directly addressed, it was there. I was not yet capable (or educated in the matter enough) to place any sort of label on myself. At that time, a mutual friend of ours commented that "you're like the guy and he's like the girl" which brought a smile to my face. I was with him from the age of 16 to 21. We rebuilt my hot '68 Roadrunner together, and I raced on the streets with the other guys. We lived together in Florida while I went to the University of Miami, and then for three years in San Francisco while I went to the San Francisco Art Institute. In San Francisco I found myself very attracted to the gay male publications and erotica that I came across in street newspaper vending machines. I didn't analyze or understand my attraction for it. I only knew it was quite stimulating to me.

At one point I decided, "Well, this is just too damned painful for me to deal with. They all call me 'she,' they see a 'she,' I have a 'she' body, therefore I must be a she. Knock off this shit. You can't change the body, so change the mind." I was completely unfamiliar with terms such as "transgendered," "transsexual," etc. The only thing I knew was that I was a boy born in a girl's body, and that I could tell no one or they'd think I was crazy. I also knew that I was attracted to boys sexually. I had no idea this meant I was a female-to-gay-male, or that such a concept could even exist. AND, I thought I was the only one.

I was a "freak," and I was quite confused as to what was going on inside of me. So I entered the denial stage. All I wanted was to feel whole. I worked real hard at being a good girl. I even found a guy to whom I was very physically attracted, but who was dominant in the male/female role (unlike my previous relationship), and who was quite heterosexual. I married him, thinking somewhere in the back of my mind during this "sleep period," that through him I could be a real female. I thought I was doing the right thing to help myself. Well, taking the submissive role did not sit well with me, and eventually my true personality had to surface and we were in constant power struggles over every little thing. We're divorced now. He knows nothing about my TSism, but we're friends, and he reflects, "You were much too strong for me." He has since married a real girl who is very into wifehood and motherhood, and I'm happy for him.

(Being a female to gay male, when I tell family and friends about myself, I have to hit them with a double whammy: first that I am transsexual, and second that I am a gay man. Even some TSs within the community think that this is a silly thing to be. I'm being met with lots of opposition from my mother since I came out to my family, and I am presently working on dealing with the pain I'm experiencing from simply trying to be a "whole" person for the first time in my life. In addition, I fear that I will never be accepted by the gay male community where I feel I belong. Sometimes I just wish I could go back to the womb and be born all over again, this time with the right body. Sometimes I think that would be the only solution that this perfectionist will accept.)

We were only married for about a year, but as a result of that marriage I became a "mother" (although I prefer calling myself a parent). I love my son very much. He lives with me. He's 11 now. The first time I went to pick him up from his after school program, one of the kids said to him, as I was signing him out, "Is that your brother?" Thrills. He jokes about such things. He would call me his brother in a teasing manner, without knowing (only sensing my masculinity) what the truth was. When I felt he was old enough to understand without being confused, I sat him down and had a heart-to-heart with him . . . you know, a real "father-son" talk. He took it well. So far, much better than my mother did. I'm lucky in that his love for me is unconditional. He loves me for who I am, not the role society expects of me.

I think my marriage and parenthood were necessary in my development, as it was after the divorce, when my son was about 1-1/2 years old when I "awoke" from my "denial sleep." I used to take him to a 2-hour-a-day pre-school program, an intro to toddler socialization, and I had to sit outside his classroom with all the mothers. It was like grade school all over again for me. "What are these women talking about???" I did not fit. I actually saw myself as the one "father" sitting there among the mothers. I could not relate at all to their chitter chatter. Although I remained polite, it was obvious I was not one of them. While they talked about recipes, fashion, makeup, husbands, dinners they planned for their in-laws, my mind was on what clients I had to meet and how I'd approach a certain assignment. (I've been a free lance graphic artist since 1979.)

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Little by little I strode to really find out what I was, what all these feelings meant. I wrote to Pat Califia who writes the question and answer column of the *Advocate*. In her published answer to me she explained what I am and advised contacting FTM and buying Lou Sullivan's book, *Information for the Female-to-Male Transsexual and Cross-Dresser*. I bought that book and also got the *FTM Newsletter*. I read the book from cover to cover in a record half hour. I was filled with many emotions, from depressed despair at learning that I could be labelled but could never really have correct, functioning genitalia, to elation to learn that there actually were others like me. Especially thrilling to me was the chapter titled "Female-to-Gay Male." I couldn't believe it! So now I know who and what I am, and it's becoming increasingly difficult to deal with as I am at a point where I am living in an androgynous sort of state. I appear male at first glance, but upon a closer look, I am figured out to be female. This creates confusion in people I meet everyday. In addition, I do not like being perceived as a "butch" female. My image of myself is strong and clearly that of a "soft," young male. I am in therapy and go to support groups for FTMs in NYC.

I had a boyfriend who was much like my first, even physically. He was sweet and gentle, and he is gay. All of his erotic stimulation is exclusively derived from male/male. Thus we shared much and had open communication and a fulfilling sex life together. He accepted me and saw me as I wished to be seen. However, after two years together, things started to change. I don't know if it was due to my being in therapy and dealing with some really tough issues, but I started to lose my patience with him and he with me. I realized that he seemed to me to be "penis obsessed" and I found myself feeling more and more inadequate. We had many talks, some of which turned into unresolved arguments. He became somewhat insensitive, and I started to feel that he didn't really fully see me as the man I am after all. We mutually decided to gain some space from each other.

I often sink into depression when I realize what body I am really stuck with. I'm not on hormones yet, although I had a breast reduction (not a mastectomy) before my education about transsexualism and before becoming aware of what I am and what solutions are available to me. I just always hated my once size D breasts which always seemed to attract the most chauvinistic of the heterosexual males. All my life I have locked horns with this type of man. I think I often shook them up when I did something typically male better than they did, then they'd ridicule me and reject me because their own masculinity was threatened. I'm now a size B and wear a tight sport bra to flatten my breasts to look more like pecs. However, I still view them as an eyesore, just unwanted "protrusions" which don't belong on me, and wish to be completely rid of them now.

BOYHOOD
by Bobby Gene

There's something special about being a boy. I'm talking about the "wonder years." The pre-pubescent years, when a boy is a being one and apart from anything else. He's not a man, not a girl . . . just a boy. And there's something unique about the way the world looks upon his boyhood. A boy is endearing, sometimes obnoxious and selfish, but always filled with the magic only boyhood provides. His innocent charm and mischievous nature are the subjects of volumes of Twain's imagination, Disney's fantasy.

And us, the men of today and tomorrow, who were the invisible boys of yesterday, known only to ourselves, we watched the boy rituals move about us, all around us, without us, excluding us from what was also rightfully ours but not granted.

So now we discover we can be men. We travel the road to our lifelong dream of transformation. Our own boyhoods camouflaged and brief, having to be mixed with the responsibilities of adulthood we've acquired over the years. We feel the same boyhood now that we only watched before.

It's okay. Put down your pen, your quarterly reports, turn off your computer, push yourself away from your desk. Kick off your wing tips and tie on your Nikes. Slip out of that suit for a while. Exchange it for your favorite pair of old jeans, which now fit more the way you've always dreamed they should. Take a moment to live the boyhood you missed in the wonder years. Climb a tree. Go fishing with Huck. Take it, it's yours now.

--Pinocchio

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I'm only 5'5", but I am large-boned and broad through the back and shoulders. I bench press about 80 lbs and curl about 60. I am working on attaining more of a "V" silhouette by building up my shoulders, pecs, lats, and biceps. But, I look at the guys at the gym and feel a rush of frustration which comes from seeing

their height and their natural "V" shape and narrow hips and lack of hip and thigh fat which they have without even working for it. They were just born with it. Damn! Frustration. Luckily, I pretty much have narrow hips for a female. My son was born by cesarean section due to fetal distress because the doctor said my pelvic structure was not wide enough to birth a baby. I secretly felt very proud about that. I also have a little Adam's apple which I'm quite proud of.

Most recently I have been depressed over the realization that many gay men are quite superficial, and measure a man by the size of what's in his pants. This realization has been the main deterrent in my proceeding with hormone therapy, as I am afraid to turn a "perfect female body" into a "physically deformed male body" and thus doom myself to a life of celibacy. I am in constant agony over having a female body in the first place, but in my mind, I wonder if I could deal with it solely in order to remain "in the sexual running" with men. I don't know. Sometimes it's so bad that the sex part of my future becomes a secondary consideration, and all I want is to look in the mirror and see a man, regardless of what I know is in my pants.

In an effort to "combat" this problem, I put a personal ad in the *Village Voice,* stating what I am and that I seek a gay male who is NOT superficial, who will accept me as I am. I found that most of the male population who reads an ad that says "TS" just assumes that TS always and only means a man who dresses as a woman, completely disregarding the fact that I described myself as a "GWM (TS) who passes as a soft, young boy." I have just begun a writing relationship with only one gay man of the 10 to 15 who wrote to me, most of whom I chose to "educate" in my final reply to their response, explaining to them the differences in the terms "TS" and "TV," that the two are not interchangeable terms, and that they apply to both genders, not only to biological males.

I still talk on the phone to my boyfriend of the past two years, and we see each other every now and then. He claims he loves me very much and can't see a life for him with "no Bobby," but I don't feel the same way about him as I once did. I don't want to feel that I "have to stay" with him because "there will never be any gay man in the world who will accept a gay man who doesn't have a penis." I guess I'm presently "testing the waters" before I make the big move forward in my transition.

I only know one thing for sure: I can't "unlearn" what I've discovered about myself.

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by Pat Grace

This article invites you to express your support for the Civil Rights Amendment Act. It is popularly known as the Gay Rights Act, but in fact, the bill aims at eliminating discrimination based on affectional or sexual orientation. The gay and lesbian communities have carried almost all the advocacy work for this bill. The community of men and women who enjoy expressing images of themselves associated with the "opposite" sex can add their weight to this cause and, in the process, help our elected leaders to understand the larger implications of the legislation.

The bills were introduced in the House by Ted Weiss (D-NY) and in the Senate by Alan Cranston (D-CA). Unfortunately, Ted Weiss died in office and Senator Cranston has retired in disgrace over the savings and loan scandal. At this time, it is unclear who will be the lead sponsors in the 103rd Congress. The Weiss bill amended both the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act. The Cranston bill addressed only the Civil Rights Act. Both bills are very simple. The key language is that they forbid discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional orientation. They also clarify that this ending of discrimination is not to be construed as a "quota bill." That is, there would be no basis for a class action suit for a sexual or affectional minority to win some kind of proportional preferential treatment, such as access to a defined percentage of public housing.

No hearings or other actions occurred on the bills in the 102nd Congress. However, impressive progress was made in obtaining cosponsors. There were 110 cosponsors in the House and 16 in the Senate. The primary focus of action in 1993 will be to obtain additional cosponsors. In the House, only Ted Weiss, Dick Fazio (D-CA), and Peter Kostmayer (D-PA) spoke in favor of the bill. In the Senate, only Alan Cranston spoke in favor of the bill.

It is also timely to write to President Clinton and encourage him to end discrimination in the military on the basis of sexual or affectional orientation. Let Cpl. Klinger enjoy his feminine image without the excuse of trying to get out of the Armed Services.

When you write or call to express your concerns, after identifying yourself, be sure to indicate your intent and position clearly in the first sentence. You might begin with, "I support the Civil Rights Amendment Act, sometimes known as the Gay Rights Bill because . . . If you call your own Senators and Representative on the phone, identify yourself as a constituent and ask to speak to the Representative or Senator. But, don't be frustrated if you end up speaking to an aide. It is their job to talk to you and they will record your comment and pass it on.

It helps if you express yourself clearly and *briefly*. But, be sure to indicate why this is important to you. Tell a brief story if it is appropriate to what you want to say. Thank your Representative or Senator if they have cosponsored the bill last year. Then ask them to cosponsor AND speak on the floor in favor of the bill. For those who did cosponsor last year, ask them to do it in 1993. It would be particularly helpful to contact the new Senators and Representatives. If your group is interested, ask him or her to come and speak to you during the next Congressional break. Don't threaten or try to bully your way. Your goal is to make friends for the long haul.

If you contact a sympathetic member or aide, you might send them a copy of *Tapestry*. Congress needs to get some positive images of our community.

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Following is a list of Representatives and Senators who were cosponsors of the bill in the 102nd Congress and are returning to the 103rd Congress. They are Democrats unless otherwise noted. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-CO) are cosponsors who have moved from the House to the Senate.

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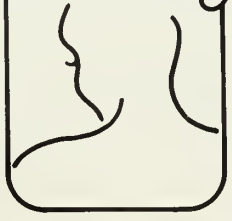

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Transsexualism As Spiritual Growth

by Angela Wensley

(Dr. Angela Wensley is a professional engineer known internationally for her work in the field of corrosion research. She made her transition on the job with MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., a giant Canadian forest products company with an all-male management structure and a macho reputation. She had her gender reassignment surgery in 1989. She established a very successful support group for transsexuals in Vancouver, British Columbia, is active in women's organizations, and in promoting engineering as a profession for women. It is her conviction that the transsexual experience is a call to spiritual growth, perhaps even to grace. A television movie about her life is in the making and should be ready in 1993.)

Introduction

My transition on the job, where I was one of Canada's leading engineers, had been an unqualified success, and the story was told in the award-winning newspaper feature article "Taking Care of Angela" appeared in August, 1990, and was printed in every city across Canada. This was followed by a series of television and radio appearances, and yet more articles. What makes my story unique is not my successful transition on the job; rather, it is the complete acceptance I have encountered throughout my transition and subsequent high profile publicity. Acceptance from everyone: my spouse, my family, my friends, my co-workers, and from humanity. Not hatred, not rejection, not abuse, no fire bombs thrown at my door (incidents reported to me by other transsexuals who went public). Is it possible that my acceptance arises from treating my process as a spiritual one? If I could accomplish my transformation in an atmosphere of complete acceptance, then it stands to reason others could too. I believe it is inherently teachable.

Background

I came into this world as Donald Wensley, male. Although awareness that I was supposed to have been born female came at age five, my transsexual journey only began in earnest in 1987, culminating in gender reassignment surgery in 1989, when I was 42 years old. My childhood and adolescence were typical of most male-to-female transsexuals I have met. Indeed, I am always amazed at how our early life experiences seem to have been hard-wired into us, in a manner not unlike identical twins. My "escape into masculinity" began in my late teens when I entered the study of engineering (at a time when there were virtually no women in the profession; today I am one of the most senior women engineers in Canada). At the age of 21 I married Darlene, and we were to have 20 wonderful years together, though we had no children. I adopted a generally masculine, if not quite macho, lifestyle, even playing amateur ice hockey with the same team for 17 years.

After leaving university with a Ph.D., I proceeded on to a career with the research and development division of the Canadian forestry giant MacMillan Bloedel, Ltd., based in Vancouver. As Don I rose to the very senior position of Engineering Associate. Angela "replaced" Don in 1989, and holds the same position. The years since then have provided a wonderful opportunity to indulge my love of public speaking, as I have travelled extensively to engineering conferences, symposia and seminars across Canada, the U.S., Europe and Japan. There I have reintroduced myself to my engineering colleagues worldwide.

I had never been a particularly religious or spiritual person (these terms are not synonymous), yet as a scientist/engineer I have never had a problem reconciling the "scientific method" (a rigorous method of investigation) with God, the Divine, the Universe, the Source, Nature, or whatever we choose to call what it is that underlies the profound mystery of existence. My transsexualism was the key which unlocked the door of opportunity for spiritual evolution, and the realization of divinity within myself and all other human beings.

Expect No Rejection

Many transsexuals, it seems, have a wish for rejection, some even going so far as to label themselves as "outcasts," as if to reinforce their status as rejected persons. We all receive what we want in life; indeed, at any given moment we have exactly what we choose to have. If we are rejected, it is because we want to be. Those who want to be freaks become freaks. On the other hand, those who want acceptance can have that too. The difficulty is in allowing oneself to be accepted. This necessarily involves an inner transformation every bit as beautiful, yet requiring just as much hard work as our outer transformation from men into women. It is not what you think, but what you feel. Thinking yourself into acceptance is doomed to failure. Acceptance must be felt. It is an affair of the heart, not of the head.

Shortly after I had gender reassignment surgery, I allowed my story to be published in the Vancouver Sun newspaper. Reporter Lindsay Kines spent six months interviewing me. His article turned out to be a masterpiece, winning three major journalism awards in Canada. The story was subsequently reprinted in newspapers in every city across Canada. I permitted the use of my real name, as stories with pseudonyms often have a false ring to them. Because my telephone number is listed, I knew I was taking a risk.

On the date of publication I let myself buy into the fears about what might happen as the result of my story being known. I allowed myself to accept the possibility of rejection. The phone rang. It was a woman, who said, "You're sick!" and hung up before I could respond. Immediately I realized what had happened, and I exclaimed out loud, "I am accepted!" That's all it took. I was to receive hundreds of telephone calls and letters, every one of them positive. I had no one to blame but myself for that first call. I attracted it. And from then on I refused to be rejected.

Psychic Protection

We are able to erect "psychic shields" around ourselves, which can protect us from all forms of harm. This is particularly important for someone who has embarked on a journey of spiritual growth, as the tests of one's resolve become more strenuous as one proceeds. To erect a psychic shield is as simple as visualizing its presence. I imagine I am surrounded by pure, white light. Again, merely thinking that the white light is present will not create the desired effect. One has to feel it is there. Unless this distinction is made, there can be no shielding. The momentary loss of my psychic shield resulted in my one and only crank call.

Being so protected means that one can enjoy events that were formerly endured or dreaded. Life is to be lived fully, every moment, not to be avoided. A couple of years ago I was the only passenger in a small airplane flying from Cleveland to Sandusky, Ohio. As we boarded, I pointed to an ominous jet-black cloud bank approaching from the west. "That's where we're headed," the pilot replied grimly. We soon entered the blackness, and the plane was tossed around as if it were a toy on a string. Instead of being terrified, I was exhilarated. I literally felt myself to be in God's hands.

One can extend psychic protection to anybody or anything that one loves. I grow roses in my garden. For years I engaged in futile "chemical warfare" against diseases such as black spot, mildew and rust. Then I stopped, extended my shield around them, and they have not been bothered since. Also, instead of my gardens' being choked with weeds, they are now full of beautiful wildflowers which I did not plant, but rather attracted.

I AM

My metaphysical dictionary defines God by the phrase "I AM." Whatever we choose to append to this phrase is tantamount to prayer. Expressed intellectually, the phrase has no power. Expressed from the heart, use of "I AM" connects us with our God-center. "I AM a woman" is one common experience transsexuals share in the use of this phrase. For those of us who are post-operative, nothing short of a miracle has occurred. We are women. Our prayer has been answered.

When I received the "You're sick" phone call, I immediately invoked the "I AM" in my cry "I AM accepted!" This connection with my God-center not only restored my protection, but also resulted in connection with the millions of people who were to read the article about me. My plea for acceptance, my prayer, was instantly made known to all those people. All humanity is One. By connecting with my God-center, God simultaneously connected with the rest of humanity. The tongues and pens of those who would do transsexuals harm were stilled. This is a good example of how human thought constructs such as "transsexuals are sick" cannot exist in the presence of the Divine, and certainly squelches any ideas that people who make such statements are acting in the name of God.

Surrender to Feelings

When the internal feelings about the incorrectness of my gender became intolerable, I surrendered to my feelings, and began the process of tearing down the facade I had been presenting to the world for my whole life. The energy required to maintain a false image of myself had become too draining. By casting down my false image of maleness I was not only able to put that energy to more efficient use, but also found that there was a new Source of energy that I could tap into that was inexhaustible.

The message is not to be on one side of duality, but to embrace both sides.

Surrendering to one's transsexual feelings is perhaps the first step along the path of spiritual growth, the beginning of the healing process. I began early in 1987 by telling Darlene, "I have to find out what I am." Her reaction, and mine too, was to break into tears. I said I wanted her to be with me during this period of self-exploration, and she agreed, standing by me until I was able to survive on my own. She allowed me to grow the wings with which I was eventually able to soar.

Willingness to Risk

Results only come to those who are prepared to risk. Again, this is a trait shared by many transsexuals, as we are willing to risk everything to become the women we feel we are inside. I risked my marriage and my career, both of which were very dear to me. Acceptance of my transsexuality meant accepting the risks that accompanied it. In 1988 my transition began in earnest, with acceptance into the Gender Dysphoria

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Clinic in Vancouver (how fortunate I was to not only live in a city with a gender clinic, but one where the staff worked with their clients, not against them as so-called "gatekeepers"). It is interesting to note that throughout my transition, wherever I was presented with alternative paths, invariably the correct one was that which involved the greatest risk (and the hardest work). The speech to my co-workers where T told them I was transsexual (described later) is an excellent example of this. My alternative— the easy way out— would have been to resign.

Only Working Relationships Can Be Ended

Darlene and I separated briefly in 1987 while I was in my process of self-discovery, reconciled in 1988, then separated permanently later that year when I became a patient of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic. We were divorced in 1989, after our twentieth anniversary. She remarried shortly thereafter and moved to the United States. I cannot understate the tremendous pain that accompanied the ending of what was a very loving marriage. Yet, we were able to separate and ultimately divorce on the most amicable of terms. There were no feelings of incompleteness in the ending of our married relationship. This is because it was working. Our marriage ended because we both had to grow in our own separate directions. My direction may have been obvious, but she too had to grow, away from me. Over our twenty years together we had both evolved from dependence to independence to interdependence. We could let go of each other because we both respected the need in the other to grow. In our society too many marriages are ended when they are not working, with the result that deep wounds are carried for many years, perhaps even a lifetime.

Be Responsible

Being responsible means not being a victim. Every time I allowed myself to believe I was a victim (poor me!), I only succeeded in making myself miserable. A far healthier attitude is to realize that we are completely responsible for absolutely everything that happens to us. If we let ourselves believe that our lives are controlled by external forces, then we limit our ability to respond. If we accept that our lives are entirely in our own hands, we can respond more effectively - that's what being "response-able" is all about.

A more subtle interpretation of what it means to be responsible is acceptance of one's own divinity. We are all "children of God," as the saying goes. Own that you are responsible for your problems, and then turn them over to God. God is within, not without. Your problems are not external, nor can they be solved externally. There is no external God who can be blamed as the cause of your problems.

Get Out of the Way

There are three steps which are required to attain any goal in life. First, one must have an absolutely clear vision of what it is that one wants. Second, one must be prepared to do all the hard work and make all the sacrifices necessary to accomplish the goal. All the positive thinking in the world will get you nowhere if you are not prepared to work. Third, one has to "get out of the way." We are often our own worst enemies when it comes to grasping our goals. We get in our own way when we think or say, "I can't," "What will my family/friends/workmates think?" "I'm not smart/rich/old/young enough."

The transsexual process itself is an excellent example of these three steps. Few can deny our clarity of vision when we set out to become women. We work hard to accomplish this goal. For those who are able to "get out of the way" the transformation is a complete one. The few who refuse to get out of the way may end up post-operatively as miserable as they were before their transformation began.

By early 1989 I was "dual living," working as Don and otherwise living, and known to all my family and friends as Angela. Dual-living was becoming intolerable. When it was clear that my marriage was over, I was adamant that my transsexualism not claim my career. I was among the best in the world in my particular field of engineering, and loved what I did. I approached a Senior Vice President and requested a meeting of all the staff at the location I worked. The time had come to tell them about myself.

My vision was to be Angela Wensley, Professional engineer. I had certainly worked long and hard, too, and had passed through my "drag queen" stage into absolute presentability. I prepared for the meeting with my co-workers as I had never prepared for anything previously in my life, seeking input from friends and counsellors and from deep within myself. On the day of the meeting I realized what I had to do: step aside and let the Divine come forth from within. When I stood up in front of a hundred of my co-workers, most of them acquaintances at best, I put my prepared speech away and placed myself in the hands of God. Words were needed, and they were given to me.

I began, "Not many people ever have reason to question the gender into which they were born. I am one of those people. Over the past few months I have been seen by three doctors, all of whom have independently diagnosed me as transsexual . . . " I spoke for half an hour, delving deep into the Source to carry me through. I shared with them how I felt inside, what I planned to do about it, and how it may affect them. It has been called Don's "finest hour," yet I feel that Don (or Angela) had very little to do with it. As I concluded, I asked for their support, saying I was going to make mistakes, but for them to please bear with me.

Finally finished with my speech, I felt completely drained. Just the right amount of energy had been given me, and no more. A pause . . . then the room erupted into applause, loud and sustained. Then, incredibly, individual co-workers rose to make per-

sonal statements of support. One after the other. The atmosphere was magical. Every soul in that room was touched irrevocably. A kind of communion occurred that day.

Unconditional Love

Most of the experiences of life perceived as external are actually one's own projections onto reality. Once this concept is felt deeply inside, one's problems become entirely within one's control. Only then can change be effected. If it is difficult to accept that everyone lives in their own separate reality, ask a group of people to describe the same place or event that they have just been to or experienced - the result will be as many different versions as there are people in the group. Further, no single description is any more or less valid than any other, including yours (which your mind tells you is the "right" one).

What we see in other people is only what we project of ourselves onto them. We like a person because they reflect that which we like in ourselves; we dislike another person because they reflect what we dislike in ourselves. Owning our projections begins the process of unconditional love. To love ourselves unconditionally means that we must love all parts of our selves, not just the parts we like, but also the parts we dislike, the "shadow." The shadow is to be embraced. Once we learn to love ourselves unconditionally, we are able to love others unconditionally. Make no comparisons! We are all One; the Divine is within all of us. We may not like what another person does, but we cannot help but love them for who they are.

Live Now

This moment is the only reality. The past is past, and cannot be changed. The future is always in the future. The place to be is now, not mired in some unchangeable past or in a future that will never be. The saying "moment to moment, die to the past" provides the answer, but again it is difficult to integrate such behavior into one's being. I have been guilty of taking problems from my past and projecting them into a not-so-rosy future, a certain recipe for making myself miserable. Learn from the past, but do not let the past and its projections keep you from living now. Those times where I have been able to truly live in the moment have been characterized by a wonderful clarity.

The poor economic situation in 1992 has necessitated curtailing my travels on company business, resulting in my not being able to give as many of the presentations I so enjoy. Sitting at my desk, refusing to feel victimized, I simply "put out to the Universe" that I was available. Within a few days I had received five unsolicited invitations to speak, to such diverse groups as the American Wine Society, a Business and Professional Woman's Club, and the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick. If anything, my next lesson is to learn how to spread such invitations out over longer time intervals!

Peak Experience

I have my doubts as to whether "peak experiences" are legitimate steps in the process of spiritual growth. However, such experiences may unblock us, allowing growth to proceed. I had a peak experience in 1983 which led to my realization that it was futile to deny my femaleness.

There were four of us on a hanging platform, or scaffold, inspecting the inside of a digester, a large (260' tall) pressure vessel in my company's pulp mill in Pine Hill, Alabama. Without warning, one of the supporting cables broke, and the scaffold suddenly flipped from the horizontal to the vertical position. We all hung on for dear life, literally, for to fall into the dark abyss below meant certain death. It took hours to be rescued, which required moving a large crane onto the site and lifting us off the disabled scaffold one by one.

Safely back on the ground, the four of us engaged in an act of passionate male bonding. We had survived, cheated Death. High fives and bear hugs were the order of the day. A celebration. Yet this most masculine of experiences did not diminish the feelings I had inside about my gender. I had tried a macho career, marriage, sports, all in a vain attempt to will myself into not being a woman. If this peak experience of the scaffold wouldn't make those feelings go away, then I knew nothing would.

Time to Change

Depression is a call to change. In 1991 I entered a state of depression which persisted for months. Because the depression was affecting my ability to make engineering decisions, I removed myself from the workplace, and took a three month leave of absence. Dr. Diane Watson, director of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, called my problem "post traumatic stress disorder" - the same problem which affects many Vietnam veterans. Although it seemed that my depression was caused by work-related stress, my employer remained very supportive of me throughout my ordeal.

Like the majority of people who suffer depression, I desperately wanted things "to be the same as they were." Yet this is precisely what cannot be. Depression is a message that we have to change: no change, no end to the depression. I feel the message comes from our God-center, and that our failure to heed earlier inner messages (perhaps in dreams) has prompted the more drastic action of depression (sort of a cosmic "read my lips!"). Once I appreciated the, necessity for change, I set out to accomplish it. It was then when I owned my problems, and accepted that the only person I can ever change is myself.

I read books on personal and spiritual growth, joined a meditation group, began to take workshops on healing and life purpose, and sought out more spiritually developed people so I could learn from them. I also

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saw Diane on a weekly basis. How fortunate I was to have attracted a man into my life who was able to handle the situation. Kris was completely supportive of my process. He offered me words, but not sympathy. He would not buy into any of my projections. That our relationship has survived this and other troubles is testimony to our love of each other, love that allows both of us to grow.

Becoming Transparent to the Light

I feel that the inexhaustible energy, what I choose to call "Light," comes from God. I use "Light" to distinguish it from the "light" that comes from the sun, or from artificial sources. The Divine Light shines everywhere and at all times, not just during the "day." It pervades all matter. I feel that the highest stage of spiritual growth individuals can aspire to is to become perfectly transparent to the Light, so that they are clear channels for its transmission. There is a saying that "Saints are people the light shines through," which fits this explanation perfectly.

Most human beings, before they evolve spiritually, are opaque to the Light. This can also be described as the state of ignorance or darkness. But it is here where our shadow is the strongest. The stronger the shadow, the closer is the Light, so God is near even in our ignorance. As we begin to grow spiritually, our opacity diminishes, eventually giving way to transparency. In between these two extremes are various distortions of the Light. At this stage in my spiritual evolution I appear to act as a kind of lens, with the ability to convert the Light into a form recognizable in this reality, and to focus it. This may have some interesting possibilities, particularly in the field of healing.

When I travelled with my mother to London in 1989 for my gender reassignment surgery, I noticed I had developed the rather fantastic capability of turning off streetlights as I approached or passed beneath them. The first occurrence was accompanied by a feeling that I was "radiating" intense energy from my forehead. Since then, I have turned off literally hundreds of streetlights, fortunately often in the presence of witnesses, including (thankfully, for my sanity) my psychologist. It is as if the Light is being transmuted and focussed through me, with dire consequences to the poor streetlight that happens to be in the way.

Streetlight turning out events happen only when I am experiencing intense feelings or emotions. In London, my focus was on my upcoming surgery, on my femininity. On other occasions I was feeling angry, loving, sad, anxious or even thinking of God (in the latter case the streetlight literally exploded and debris rained down). That I was "turning off the light" was clearly a message for me, but it has taken me over two years to decipher it.

Embrace Dualities

Why would thinking of my female side, or being angry, or loving, or sad, or anxious or Godly cause the light to go out? These are all legitimate human experiences, yet they are all halves of dualities: woman/man, anger/compassion, love/hate, sadness/joy, God/mankind. I believe the message is to not be on one side of any duality, but to embrace both sides. Being on one side denies the other. By feeling female I deny my maleness, by being angry I deny compassion, by loving I deny hate, by being sad I deny joy, by thinking of God I deny mankind.

As transsexuals we have a wonderful opportunity to embrace the female/male duality. For the vast majority of non-transsexuals this is too great a task to even contemplate, though I have met some wonderful men who are completely at peace with their femaleness. On the other hand, many transsexuals simply cross over from male to female, from a state where their femaleness was denied to a state where their maleness is denied. I speak from personal experience here. It took nearly two years after my surgery to learn that living "on the edge" between female and male was the place for me to be. I prefer to be expressed in the feminine, but I no longer feel any need to deny my masculinity.

Having embraced one duality, all other dualities seem to have been simultaneously brought closer together. How beautiful it would be to embrace and then transcend these other dualities, ultimately embracing that of God and mankind. Much hard work needs to be done to accomplish this, a lifelong task. Where it will lead is not known to me, yet I have no expectations. At times I feel I am destined to be a shaman, or a healer, or to continue my work with other transsexuals in their own transformations. It feels like the beginning.

Conclusion

There is no doubt in my mind or in my heart that transsexualism is a call to spiritual growth; however, is it also a call to Grace? So many people are called to Grace, but so few choose to listen, perhaps not even realizing they have been called at all. As transsexuals we have no excuse for being unaware of the call, as the transsexual experience is (for most of us) a spiritual awakening. We are not only called to grow spiritually, I feel it is our duty to do so. We can lead the way into the next millennium. We, who have embraced the female/male duality, can show the world the path to Peace.

A Morning With Marjorie Garber

by Vivian Purves

(Marjorie B. Garber, Director, Center for Literary and Cultural Studies and Professor of English at Harvard University, has written Vested Interests: Cross-dressing and Cultural Anxiety. *The book is a challenging, but satisfying read. "Erudite and exhilaratinly argued."* New York Times Book Review. *"A fascinating compendium of cross-dressing . . . and a provocative piece of cultural criticism."* New York Times. "Vested Interests *is the crossover hit of the season."* Village Voice. *"Bound to become the new, comprehensive bible on the subject."* The Nation. *The book is now available in paperback from IFGE for $17.50 + $2.50 p & h.)*

Marjorie Garber's book, *Vested Interests,* is a compelling compendium and a detailed look at gender bending and gender blending from before time to the day before yesterday. There is everything from men thrilling to the erotic touch of a woman's undergarment to women living and working as men in order to better their socio-economic position; from explaining why you always felt a little uneasy about Peter Pan to telling the real truth about Little Red Riding Hood and the Big, Bad Wolf. The subtitle seems to put the catholic assemblage of data into some kind of rubric: *Cross-dressing and Cultural Anxiety.* The anxiety, however, is a two-edged sword. Is cross-dressing the cause or the effect of society's anxiety? For that matter, who's anxious, society, or the cross-dresser(s)? In order to answer these and other questions, I spent a recent morning talking to Ms. Garber, Professor of English and Director of the Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Harvard University, about transvestism, transsexualism, life, culture, the world, and reality. How did the icing of this meeting embellish the cake of Ms. Garber's book?

The coffee that society should wake up and smell is the artificiality of gender.

We began with ambiguity. "In order for ambiguity to be ambiguous it must be discovered." The perfect lie is the truth. A man wearing a skirt and a moustache forces those who see him to question what they see, what they think they know about what they see, or both. The women who fought in the American Revolution and whose true sex was never discovered unless they were wounded or killed pushed no boundaries and clouded no binary definitions.

Is gender constructed, or is it a given? All gender rôles are artifice. "All gender behavior is learned behavior." Yet, the gender can be enabling rather than imprisoning, as can changing it. "The coffee that society should wake up and smell is the artificiality of gender. Gender is about performance." As an early seventeenth-century English playwright said,

> All the world's a stage
> And all the men and women merely players.

If, in fact, it is all a performance, then we are players in the scene whether we think so or not. Garber pointed out that the extra wrinkle is that, to some extent, we can choose the rôle we play. Since our costuming tells a (perhaps our) story, what story would we have it tell? Cross-dressing could be about pleasure and play, the boundary that is crossed being one of conventionality limiting freedom. "Cross-dressing could be socio-economic. The boundary could be one of race, social status, gender, work, . . . This could be the lowest and strongest point in one's struggle," the plumbing to the depths of one's soul, the time when one gets straight with one's true ambition, the final discovery of one's identity.

Photo Credit: Bruce Cratsley

One common ambition is power. "The mark of power, however, is the symbol, the phallus, not the penis." As many women who have lived and worked as men could tell us, except in certain circumstances, appearing to have a penis is just as good as having one. This crosses a boundary unambiguously and without disturbing the boundary. Appearance has changed, and with it, so has apparent reality.

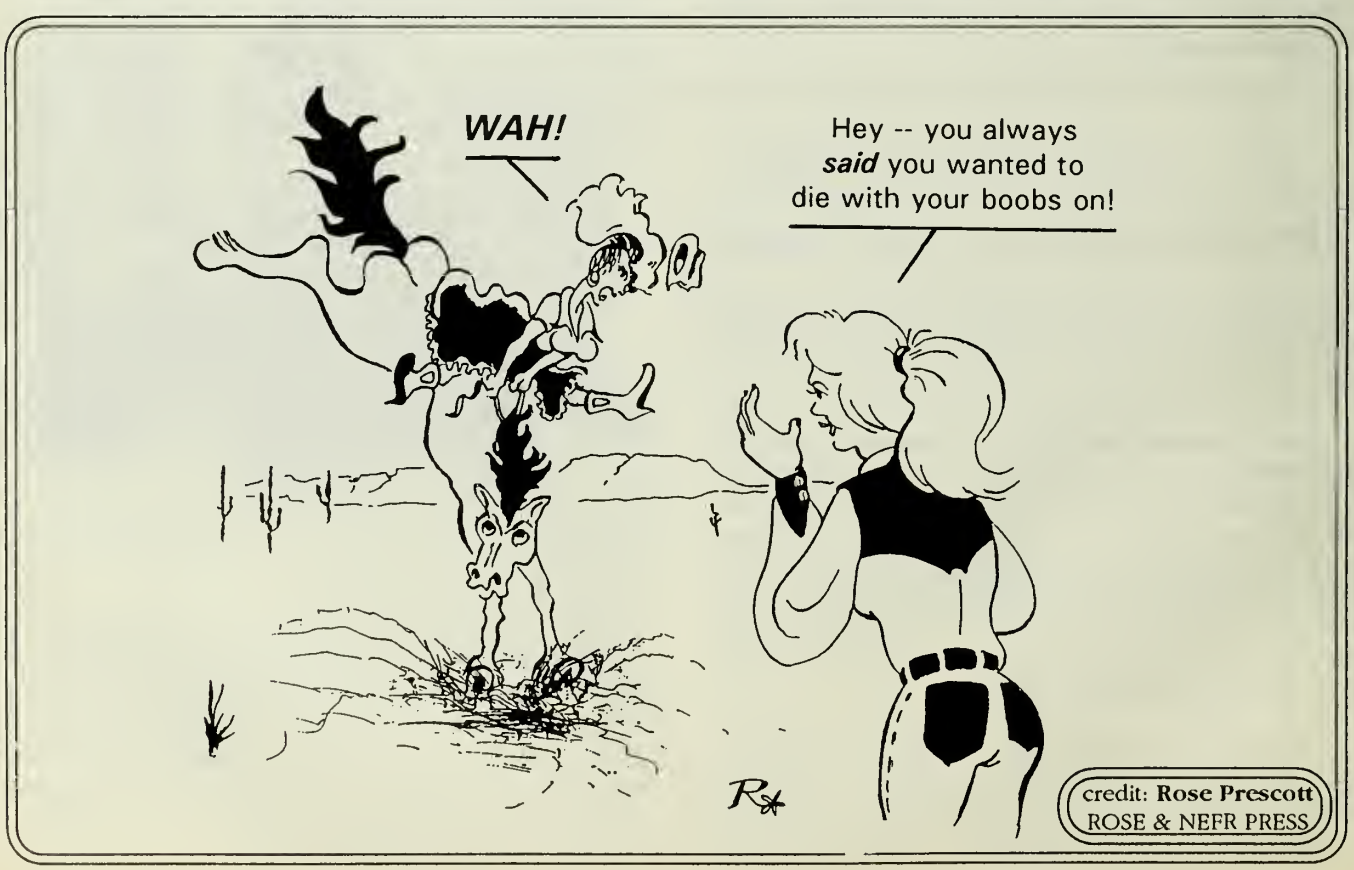
Another form of ambition is desire. "Desire is more powerful than fulfillment." The minute the goal is achieved, however, it becomes an empty vessel. Ambition as desire brings us to freedom, and from freedom, back to cross-dressing. For now the act distorts or obviates the borders.

There is always a borderline, but as the cross-dresser dresses up, down or sideways and goes out, something has to give. "The border could be physical anatomy, but doctors have showed that that is no longer a border; or it could be chromosomes, but they don't determine anything unambiguously; or it could be defined by law, but that, too, changes." There is a greater difference in gender between a lipstick lesbian and a butch dyke than there is between some appropriately chosen genetic males and appropriately chosen genetic females. So what's the point? That we must deny our bilateral polarities and integrate the ambiguity of reality. It is not the case that there is, on the one hand, an assortment of perfectly, obviously, precisely exact XXs, and, on the other, an assortment of ditto XYs. The reality is that there is a somewhat discrete continuum spread over quite a distance.

The message from the cross-dressers is that reality is real. "Ambiguity forces society's desire for certainty, and demonstrates that certainty is a fallback position." The safety of certainty is the certainty of error. "The proliferation of options in society is forcing the acceptance of ambiguity and the denial of bipolarity."

Marjorie Garber at 1992 IFGE Houston Convention

This is a difficult book to read, and the conversation with Professor Garber was a difficult conversation to have. Difficult in both cases because I was forced to decide where I stand. What am I about? Am I pushing a boundary or sliding across a frontier undetected? Maybe that depends on who and what I am, really.



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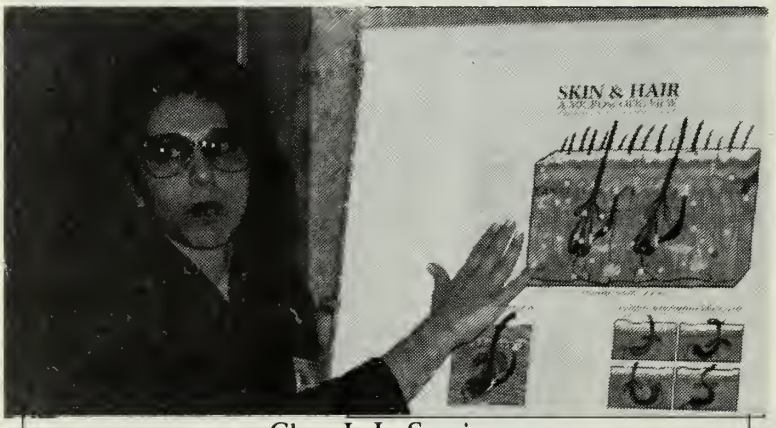

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The Trinity Awards
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Eve Burchert
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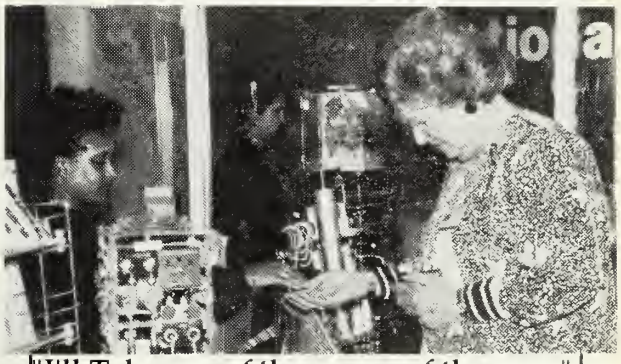

"I'll Take one of those, one of those . . ."

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"Linda is a Two-fisted Eater !"

"We Want To Pump You Up !,"

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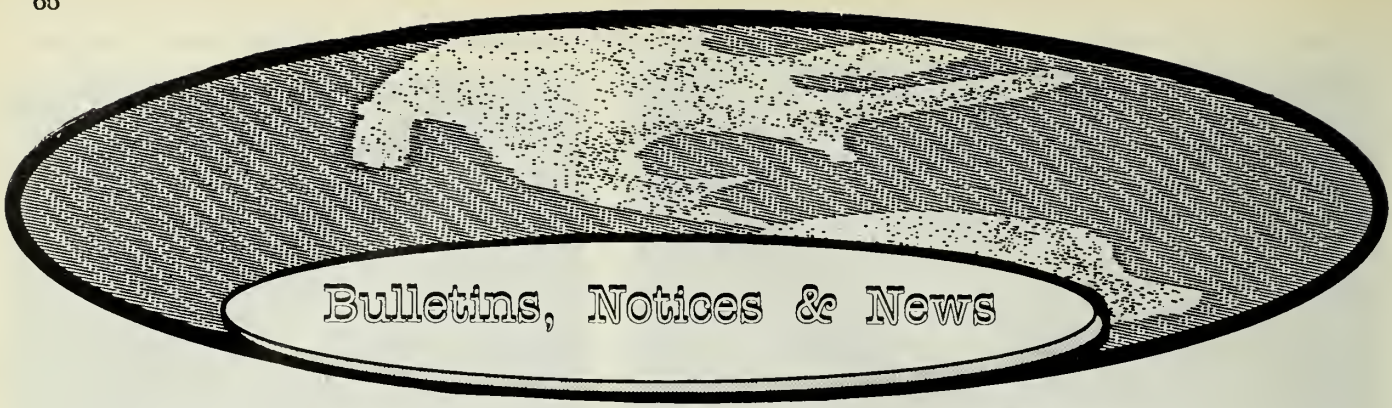

OREGON MEASURE 9 FAILS

by Tina G. member of the North West Gender Alliance, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208.

As you read in issue #62 of *Tapestry*, the North West Gender Alliance and the rest of the citizens of Oregon went through very trying times in 1992. The Oregon Citizens' Alliance, a right wing religious/political group, decided that all people in the state of Oregon should have the same beliefs. They attempted to force their mean spirited, close minded values down our throats by adding an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that would have taken away the rights of homosexuals and those "perceived to be homosexual."

The Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon appealed to all groups in the state for support in fighting Ballot Measure 9. As they started drawing support from most mainstream churches and most elected and political hopefuls, the North West Gender Alliance Board of Directors decided that it was time for our organization to come out of the closet and make our presence known. A committee was formed to research the best way for NWGA to establish itself in the political community. We succeeded. Now we are on the OCA's hit list.

Our primary effort focused on fund raising with a secondary effort of volunteering to help in all other phases of the campaign. Our appeal to our sisters across the nation netted $2471 to help fight this measure. The letters of support that came from various parts of our country were appreciated by all and helped to stimulate our group. One quote from New York needs repeating, "It is fitting that we should stand together to fight these wolves crossdressed in sheep's clothing."

This quote came to mind often as I sat in coalition meetings. In this room were ministers, rabbis, priests, educators, and attorneys. There were blacks and whites, Orientals and Indians, gays and lesbians, straights and cross–dressers. This was a room filled with diversity bound together in one common cause: the preservation of rights for all. No one questioned one's color, sexual orientation, or choice of clothing. How proud I was to be part of a society that believed that all Americans are equal and were willing to risk property and life to make that statement.

During the campaign there was a dramatic rise in hate crimes, from rock throwing and desecration of churches in opposition, to the fire-bomb murder of a gay and a lesbian living together in Salem. Although none of these crimes was tied directly to Measure 9, it was universally assumed that the radical views of the OCA fed the fires of intolerance across the state.

With the help of all of you that donated to the No on 9 Campaign, we were able to defeat the Ballot Measure forty-three percent for to fifty-seven percent against.

Several interesting facts arose on election day. Never believe an exit poll. In the case of Ballot Measure 9, no one would admit to being bigoted. The exit polls showed that the bill was defeated thirty-five percent for vs. sixty-five percent against, as opposed to the closer figures cited above.

Twenty-six counties with predominantly rural populations voted in the majority for the Measure. Six counties with predominantly urban populations voted heavily against the Measure. The OCA was able to convince those in rural areas of the evils of alternative lifestyles. Most of the people who voted for this measure have never talked to a gay person or to a crossdresser. The half-truths, lies, and twisted information supplied by the OCA was believed by many.

The national support given to Oregon by our sisters and others was what swung the vote in our favor. Without your support, I am afraid that we would have been doomed to return to our closets and lose all the gains made in public acceptance of crossdressing.

The battle is not over yet. The OCA has stated that it will attempt to place another initiative on the ballot next year. They have also hinted that they might be forming the Washington Citizens' Alliance. With these threats, certain elected officials have stated that they will introduce bills in the state legislature that will guaranty civil rights for the gay and lesbian community. NWGA will attempt to have the word crossdresser added to any legislation. We feel that our efforts in fighting Measure 9 have earned us a place at the bargaining table, and that we have a good chance of influencing future legislation.

I wish to thank Dee Dee Davis and Daniel R. for the intensive thought and work put into defeating this measure. They used many hours of personal and family time, and contributed many good ideas to the committee. To all our sisters across the nation who donated to help our cause, we send our best regards and our deepest thanks.

GENDER-ORIENTED ART EXHIBIT OPENS IN BOSTON

By Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni

On March 10, the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) in Boston will open a 10-week exhibit of gender-oriented art. The world's oldest institution dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art, the ICA is noted in the art world for its renegade stands, bold experimentation, and intellectual inquiry. The upcoming exhibition, entitled Dress Codes, is an inquiry into gender and identity as expressed through various forms of crossdressing in contemporary art, media, and culture. It will consist of work by artists who question the ways in which gender, race, class, and sexual identity are interpreted through the negotiation of appearance. The exhibition will feature visual art, video, film, performance, and educational programs.

Dress Codes looks at a phenomenon that exists not only on the margins, but permeates all social exchanges, where issues of power and identity are continuously confronted. Its intentions aren't fixed. Included are works that deal with broadened gender definitions and questions about the relationship between identity and the mythical basis of democracy: freedom of choice.

Gender-bending and crossdressing hold the traditional ground of the avant-garde as disruptive acts, opposing and transgressing socially defined codes of behavior. But there is something particularly new about these choices and how they function critically, as expressions of power and privilege, as well as aesthetically, involving questions of desire. They move us away from traditional paradigms of old and new, known and unknown, and male and female, taking us beyond binary opposites, established stereotypes, and confined definitions governing identity. As national, ethnic, racial and gender differences are being questioned societally, there is a growing awareness that the categories provided are less accurate, simple, and attainable than conventional norms acknowledge.

The art in this exhibition also poses a challenge to conventional ideas supported by mainstream medical science—a field in which gender definitions and normalcy are strictly controlled. Establishing visible gay/lesbian identities, gender-bending, crossdressing and physical transformation of the body all contribute to the subversion of rigid representations epitomized by the "family values" model. From changing through hormones to a good pair of heels, the image of what a normal-gendered body looks and acts like is provocatively altered.

ICA curators **Lia Gangitano, Mathew Teitelbaum** and **Bruce Ferguson** expressed sincere interest in the gender community, especially in developing an exhibit which would not only attract an audience, but also perform a positive service for the community. Prominent among the featured artists is **Mariette Pathy Allen**, long-time friend of the gender community. Mariette's work was the first selected for the exhibition, both for its quality and for its positive relationship with the gender community. Her work, documentary in nature, portrays intimate images of the real people behind the stereotypes. Her art brings added challenge and balance to an exhibit which is intended to promote enlightened values and inspire positive change. The exhibit will also include works by a number of other artists, including **Colin Campbell, Juan Davila, Lyle Ashton Harris, Nina Levitt, Catherine Opie, Ria Pacquee, Hunter Reynolds, Yasumasa Morimura**, and **Millie Wilson.**

A variety of programs is planned, including lectures presented in cooperation with IFGE; performances by **Hunter Reynolds** and **Abe Rybeck**, among others; a reading room including popular culture and mass media materials and a video produced by **Branka Bogdanov** and ICA presenting interviews with the artists in the exhibition.

The exhibit is part of an ongoing program called "Currents," whose purpose is to showcase the complete range of contemporary expression in every artistic medium. Previous installations in this series have included artists **Brian Eno, Jenny Holzer, Robert Mapplethorpe** and others.

Dress Codes runs from ***March 10 to May 30 at the ICA in Boston, 955 Boylston St.***, across from the Hynes Convention Center. It is open to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12-9 PM, and Friday through Sunday 12-5 PM. Thursday evening admission is free of charge (but may extract an intellectual tax). For more information call the ICA information line at *(617) 266-5152*.

This exhibition promises to be an exciting celebration of gender exploration in all its beautiful variety. As one of the explorers in this exciting dimension, your attendance and participation in this event is encouraged and warmly welcomed.

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MARIETTE PATHY ALLEN UPDATE

by Pat Noel

Two days before Christmas, the New York Public Library accepted with great pleasure the portfolio of eleven 20"-by-24" dye transfer prints of members of the gender community executed by **Mariette Pathy Allen**, author of *Transformations,* that were donated to the library by Nancy Cole. Recounting a wonderful hour-and-a-half conversation with Julia VanHaften, the library's curator of photography, Ms. Allen said that the curator was intrigued, not to say delighted with the dye transfer prints. Using money from a fund for emerging women artists, the museum chose to buy three additional color prints (Cibachrome process) to which Allen donated another black & white print.

At a special meeting last November, the Provincetown Garden Club and Sewing Circle voted to donate a second portfolio of eleven dye transfer prints of Mariette Allen's to an as yet undesignated museum. People who know of a museum or library that might welcome the print portfolio are urged to contact Mariette, either directly, or through the *Tapestry*.

The Boston Institute of Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts has included a number of Ms. Allen's photographs in its ten-week show, Dress Codes, featuring gender-oriented art, and opening March 10, 1993. Harvard University Professor **Marjorie Garber**, author of *Vested Interests,* will also have work in the show.

Mariette Pathy Allen appreciates the support and encouragement she has gotten from members of the gender community throughout her career. She recalled that Chi Chapter gave her one of her first awards when they presented her with the Chi-Chi Achievement Award for her then as-yet-unpublished artistic pictorial, *Transformations*. She has gotten awards and recognition since then from individuals and groups across the country. The most recent of these was the contribution by the Provincetown Garden Club and Sewing Circle of a portfolio of her prints to an unspecified museum. In awarding the grant, the group, "...challenges other special organizations to do likewise to encourage more donations to more museums . . . to promote Mariette's work, for she has captured our souls, our spirits and our hearts."

FAN FAIR GAZETTE

- Provincetown Garden Club & Sewing Circle

At a very special meeting of the Provincetown Garden Club and Sewing Circle, **Mariette Pathy Allen**, author and photographer of *Transformations,* was honored with a contribution for one of her portfolios made up of eleven dye transfer prints, to be donated to a museum of her choice.

The PGC&SC has dropped the lace glove and darning needle in challenge to other special organizations to do likewise to encourage more donations to more museums of Mariette Pathy Allen's extraordinary dye transfer print collection. The Chairwoman and membership whole-heartedly applaud and will recognize other organizations who step forward to promote Mariette's work, for she has captured our souls, our spirits and our hearts in *Transformations.*

JENNIFER,

Publisher in Three States, Founding Member & Recording Secretary of INNVESTMENTS, Dies in Providencetown

Jennifer, a retired publisher of newspapers in three states and a leader in the creation of performing arts centers in Saratoga Springs and in Binghamton, New York, died on October 22, 1992 after dining with friends in Provincetown, Massachusetts. She was 71 years old and lived in nearby Brewster. Her family said that she died of a heart attack.

Jennifer began her forty-two-year career with the Gannet newspapers in 1942 as a cub reporter at the *Saratogian* in her home town. She became the paper's publisher in 1956, then went on to become the publisher of Gannet papers in Port Huron, Michigan; Tarentum, Pennsylvania and Binghamton, New York.

In the 1960's, she helped lead efforts to create the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and in the 1970's she took a similar role in developing the Anderson Performing Arts Center in Binghamton.

Jennifer served as the head of various publishers' and editors' professional societies in New York state.

She retired in 1984, the same year she resigned her membership in the Binghamton Country Club to protest its denial of membership to Susan Clark-Jackson, her successor as publisher. She said she believed that Ms. Clark-Jackson was rejected for being a woman.

Jennifer was born in Saratoga Springs and graduated from Syracuse University.

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Alicia Michelle Lichy 1983-1992,

The entire T community has suffered a great loss by the death of Alicia Michelle Lichy on December 9, 1992. We all will be without her counsel, friendly cooperation, and willingness to do things for those who were involved with her lifestyle (even those on the fringes). To those of us who knew her well, we have lost one of the warmest, caring, and generous people we have ever known.

Alicia was born in 1983, although her former self arrived in 1938. Within five years after her rebirth, she was on her way totally as Alicia. Flying to Chicago for a 1988 IFGE meeting was her first major trip as her new self. This new self was not a crossdresser or a TV. She was a totally feminine person. In the last two years she reached her goal of transformation. Yet, she never ceased to improve the image she projected - the most feminine person I ever met.

Alicia's new role was so complete that from my first meeting with her to her last moment she was Alicia. For example, back in the Oklahoma days there were the tears she shed over the death of one of the twin goat kids, and the care she lavished on the survivor.

Later, the arrival of her beloved dog Widget in her life was a tremendous thrill to her. She transformed this homeless puppy, given to her by a friend, into a spirited, loving creature. Dogs do take on their owners' personalities. In Widget's case, this even included Alicia's business ability, since Widget M. Lichy soon became the Executive Vice-President of Alicia's Fashions.

Other than Alicia's personal transformation, her greatest achievement was Alicia's Fashions, a dream which was doing very well at the time of her death. With the support of devoted friends who made this venture possible, Alicia worked diligently, inspired by her own enthusiasm. She had obtained her experience with Ann Murray's E.F.M. outlet. This, combined with her obvious enthusiasm for her new lifestyle, made her excellent at sales in the store, and in dealing with suppliers. Her sudden death occurred after she had accomplished the difficult first 2 years of business. She was making great progress despite the poor condition of the California economy.

Another great success was her monthly publication, *Alicia's TV Girl Talk*. Subscriptions were continually increasing. Thanks to her talented editor and her own input, it was rapidly becoming one of the best papers in the T community by performing great services, such as exposure of detrimental and dangerous practices. The recent articles on Tijuana medical practices were classics in their own right, and were reprinted in *TV/TS Tapestry* #62 and other community publications. This was Alicia at her best, trying to prevent any kind of unpleasantness for anyone who was involved with gender.

On a lighter note, Alicia was noted for her love of shopping, particularly in her bargain-hunting adventures. We all laughed when she would announce, "I'm going to the grocery." When we asked when she would be back, her stock answer was always, "In thirty to forty-five minutes." We knew better, of course, and allowed two hours for her return.

On November 29th, another close friend and I put up the Christmas tree in the store on what turned out to be Alicia's last night there. Neither of us had ever seen her show such exuberance and sheer delight. She proclaimed that this was the "third Christmas of my life," and that everything was coming together for her: the store was succeeding, the paper was already well established, she had friends nation-wide, and a strong relationship that was going to be the best she ever had.

In the last *Girl Talk* column she wrote, she expressed her own feelings better than anyone else possibly can:

> I am looking forward to this, my third Christmas. I know it will be the best Holiday of my life. Everything has come together for me. I know who I AM and how I must live my feminine life to the fullest for happiness. Consequently, I am extremely happy, accepted and comfortable in my feminine life. I am also ready and anxious to commit myself to another person that feels the same way about me. He loves me and always treats me like a princess, and I love being treated in this manner. I know that he will make me very happy, and I hope that I will also make him very happy. Hopefully, together we will share and experience life that has until now been only a dream

The plaque on Alicia's resting place in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina, California, will read, "I found my way."

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Popularity of Crossdressing Surges,

SCHOOL LAUNCHED TO ADDRESS THIS MARKET

"As we step boldly towards the new millennium, many more of us will be doing it in high heels." So says the Dean of Miss Vera's Finishing School for Boys Who Want to be Girls, the world's first cross-dressing academy. Venus Envy, a phrase that performance artist/writer **Veronica Vera** coined several years ago describes the founding philosophy of her unique school.

"When women felt the need for balance in their lives, and a desire to share in the male experience, we created the women's movement. Men, too, have this need for balance. Cross-dressing most obviously reflects that need."

The number and visibility of crossdressers has grown significantly over the past ten years. It has been estimated that 3-5% of the men in the United States have the desire to crossdress. Programs on cross-dressing score high ratings for talk shows. Mail order catalogues that feature women's clothing derive a significant percentage of sales from male crossdressers. There now exist numerous computer bulletin boards specifically for crossdressers. Until now, the only classes available to these men have been makeup classes. There was no place that offered a comprehensive program of study specifically for this growing segment of the population. Miss Vera's Finishing School for Boys who Want to be Girls fills this need.

Founded in January, 1992, and based in New York City, the academy now has over 100 students. Most are from the New York tri-state area, but some attend from across the country and from overseas. Students are primarily mid- to high-income professionals in their 30's and 40's, lawyers, engineers, artists, people in the media and sales, as well as those in construction and in the military. About 80% of the students are heterosexual. A married student may bring his wife.

Courses deal with the psychological, sensual and practical interests of crossdressers. Students are supported in their need to share the female experience, and to be softer, pampered, more passive and receptive, to be guided and protected, and to do housework, as well as to be glamorous.

The curriculum is designed to help students appreciate and assimilate female consciousness. Each class begins with the student dedicating himself to exploring his female energy. What follows is a total transformation with wigs, makeup and clothing. Additional courses include Ballet I and Tutu, Fashion and Makeup, along with required reading and field trips. A special treat is a portrait session by renowned artist, **Annie Sprinkle**, the Academy's Dean of Photography. This avant garde school of women's studies is literally a new youniversity.

There are homework assignments, such as to create a herstory in which a student is encouraged to create a personality for his femmself, and to choose his female role models. Women from Simone de Beauvoir, Katherine Hepburn, Diane Sawyer, Angela Davis, Madonna and Cher have made the students' lists, along with, of course, Miss Vera and **Miss Paulette Powell**, Dean of Cosmetology.

The Academy was inspired by Miss Vera's twelve years of research in human sexuality as a writer, artist and performer. Miss Vera is co-founder of the School of High Heeled Journalism. She has written hundreds of articles on human sexuality, has lectured at Yale and Dartmouth, has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and collaborated with Robert Mapplethorpe on his only heterosexual erotic photographs. Paulette Powell is a composer, model and lead vocalist for the band, **Dark Blue**. Miss Powell has worked extensively as makeup artist for Off Off Broadway theater and HBO.

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SHEILA KIRK, MD NOW ON STAFF AT IFGE

Sheila Kirk, MD has recently joined the IFGE staff on a full time basis. She is available to give information about transgendered medical care, and to make referrals to health care professionals in the United States.

Dr. Kirk's referral list is growing, but needs more input from people in the gender community. If you know of a reliable health care professional or therapist knowledgeable about gender issues, please send as much information about the person to Dr. Kirk, or have them get in touch with her directly at the IFGE office.

Dr. Kirk is continuing her research on teen-age crossdressers. If you know of male youths age 12 - 19 who crossdress and are willing to be included in this study, please refer them to her.

She would like them to fill out a questionnaire, and she can be available to them by letter or phone for advice, information, or conversation.

She has also begun a long term, in-depth study of post-operative transsexuals. At this time, medical follow-up of post-operative transsexuals is wholly inadequate. She hopes to remedy this by using the most stringent security measures to protect subjects of the study so as to increase their willingness to participate. She hopes to collect enough data about people's post-operative health situation to be able to publish an article in the medical literature.

Please direct your correspondence to Dr. Kirk c/o **IFGE**, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 USA

THE 2ND (YES, SECOND) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

The first is over. It was a success. Those who attended, both lawyers and laypersons, felt empowered. It was preserved both in a written and an audio proceedings format. If you want to "attend" the 1st Conference via Proceedings, send $40 (check to GCTC) to Phyllis Frye, Attorney, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston, TH 77035-5515, USA.

THE SECOND (YES, 2ND) CONFERENCE WILL BE THURSDAY THE 26TH THROUGH SATURDAY THE 28TH OF AUGUST 1993, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS USA, AT THE HILTON SOUTHWEST.

Three regional planning meetings:

07-08 November 1992, Springfield MA area
Contact Attorney Maria Aspen
1101 Woodside Parkway
Silver Springs, MD 20910, USA.

27-28 February 1993, San Antonio Texas area during the Texas T-Party.
Contact Attorney Phyllis Frye
(at above address).

24-25 April 1993, Denver Colorado area.
Contact Attorney Laura Smiley
3551 South Monaco Street #220
Denver, CO 80237, USA.

Purposes of regional planning meetings:

-to attract and involve more attorneys from our transgender community;
-to develop and publish by subscription a quarterly transgender law newsletter;
-to place the 1st Proceedings into as many law schools and legislators' hands as we can;
-to determine other areas of law and government policy where legal strategies are needed;
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One of the points of the conference is that we are "normal" except for the lack of societal acceptance for being cross or trans-gendered. It also provides hope that enough understanding will develop in our society that this ignorance and resulting intolerance won't be a permanent condition. Like any understanding, it needs to develop one person at a time. Also, unless we as a group, can view the implications from the other side, view the issues from our spouses/ partners perspective (in more than their shoes), how can we hope to create, sustain or strengthen such relationships?

As this is the first such conference, where generating momentum is a major undertaking, it is a top priority for our community to rally to support it. This is especially important now, in its conception phase. We can't afford to let it wait five conferences for it to succeed. Our community needs to get totally behind it immediately, especially within the current "moral majority" environment.

Your spouse or significant other deals with the transgendered issue 365 days a year just as you do. You have been struggling with it all your life. They have only been dealing with it since you told them about it. You have come to some sort of resolution. They have an awful lot of catching up to do. Their conscious or unconscious thoughts still might include things like, "What will other people think of me that I promote, tolerate or even know about such behavior and stay in the relationship?" or, "I love him so much, why can't he just get over it?"

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Think of it as a chance to focus on the issues for all of us. If you're like most, your spouse/partner didn't know about it when they got into the relationship. How about letting the other side have a little time? Are you worried they will talk her out of letting you cross-dress? Not likely. Just think how valuable it was for you to attend your first support group meeting, or receive literature from the community and share thoughts when you first came out. Where does your partner have to go and talk about it? Just think what one weekend might do for your significant other to spend it "out of the closet." There are no guarantees, but she might not feel so isolated, or she might make a friend who has something in common.

Get your spouse to attend. I hope I have persuaded some of you to allow or even to encourage your spouse to attend. Maybe you can watch over the kids that weekend to give your spouse a break. Hopefully, the weekend will bring you both closer together.

Pass the word around the community, let's all rally behind this event. Why not develop a contingency in your support group to attend, perhaps traveling together to reduce expenses, throw a fund raiser or a raffle with a registration fee as a prize, with proceeds to S.P.I.C.E?

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IFGE Announces New Transition Handbook In Development

Transition.

There have been two predominate schools of thought on how be to undertake this process. One school preached dropping out of life, job, relationships, family, everything in the male role, and re-surfacing somewhere else in the female role, obtaining new identification, new job, new living status, everything. But experience showed tremendous long-term problems with this path, this choice. Few if any people actually made successful transitions under this pattern.

Whether or not it seems comfortable on the surface, transitioning on-the-job has proven to be the most successful method, as long as it is done carefully, under the supervision of a trained psychotherapist, and with some level of knowledge at the corporate manager levels.

The major problem to date with this method is that corporate human resource personnel, supervisors, senior managers, etc., were very uneasy, and even openly hostile about the process, primarily due to a lack of knowledge and an unwillingness to accept the words, the concepts presented by the individual making the transition.

Now there is a solution to this corporate training challenge. During the 1st International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy, held in Houston, Texas in August 1992, a committee headed by Houston attorney Phyllis Frye, and Dianna L. Ciccotello, reviewed, edited, and finally approved a handbook written specifically for corporate officials and managers on gender transition issues. This publication is written so that it can be of help to managers of individuals transitioning in either direction: male -to female, or female-to-male.

Ms. Cicotello has been associated with the Gender Identity Center of Colorado for about nine years, working with the over 500 clients who have sought their services. Her outreach extends into the Front Range area of Colorado and she has worked with IFGE during the Denver convention. In addition she has been published in *Tapestry,* her latest, "Severing Your Options," appeared in issue #61. Her background as an adult-education specialist and as a member of the American Society for Training Development (ASTD) has given her the experience necessary to tackle developing a handbook of this type.

IFGE is presently developing this project with Ms. Ciccotello and Ms. Frye and hope to have it available in late Spring.

WHY IS S/HE DOING THIS TO US?
An Employer's Handbook
for Understanding Gender Transition

The FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW & EMPLOYMENT POLICY

by Phyllis Randolph Frye,
Attorney and Counselor ,
Houston, Texas USA

The first transgender law conference, 27-30 August 1992 in Houston, Texas was a smashing success. We were well attended, the project areas of law were discussed in detail, the employment policy handbook was presented, the speakers were terrific, and the audio and written proceedings are available. Additionally, the regional planning meetings for the second transgender law conference were set. **YES, THE SECOND CONFERENCE WILL BE READY FOR YOU TO ATTEND.**

Of high importance to the attorneys who did not come— I want to assure you that this was a for-real law conference. We had continuing legal education hours available, and court reporters were transcribing all the speakers and the project reports; there were no vendors, and there were no distractions. Further, even though the local media had been invited, and our event was for three full days, there were no pickets, no television or newspaper exposés and, to my knowledge, no attorney in attendance has lost his or her job or otherwise been outed for attending. In short, you missed a good one!

Of high importance to the laypersons who did not come, I want to further assure you that those laypersons in attendance thanked me many times for all that they learned and experienced. Their horizons were radically widened and their self-esteem and self-pride took quantum jumps. In short, you also missed a good one!

The pre-conference event was the cocktail party on Wednesday night. This was held at the Courthouse Club. Imagine this— attending an event for your community at a private club, for lawyers only, located only one block from the courthouse complex of the fourth largest city in the United States. Imagine this also— nobody cared! We were there for our event. We were welcome both because we were legitimate and because our money was green. I remember entering that evening and seeing many of my professional peers in the bar area at happy hour who knew me and about this conference. They saw me enter and wished me success. (We were given a complimentary full-page ad in the bi-monthly member magazine of the Harris County Criminal

Lawyers Association. We were also listed in the member newsletters for the local Mexican American Bar and the local Association of Women in Law.) We were hosted that evening by an affiliate sponsor, the local Bar Association for Human Rights (B.A.H.R.). A good time was had by all.

Beginning ***Thursday*** morning, six of the nine different project areas of law (military, housing, anti-discrimination, probate and civil commitment, insurance, health) began to meet in committee for several hours each. In the afternoon, the family, criminal and employment projects met in committee for several hours each. Each project was moderated by a licensed attorney and attended by both attorneys and laypersons. This process was repeated on Friday.

At the Thursday luncheon, I offered a story about how I have resolved myself with my twenty-two year old child. (We met only once from age five to twenty-one, we now see and call each other regularly.) Following this was a presentation by a trial judge, **Honorable Eric Andell**, who offered us wisdom on building bridges to the many non-transgendered communities. Both accounts are in the Proceedings. Thursday evening found us back at the Courthouse Club for a fabulous dinner and conversation with a member of two affiliated sponsoring law student groups (Mandamus and Association of Women in Law) from the University of Houston Law Center.

The ***Friday*** luncheon included the story about my out-of-closet experience in law school, and was followed by a presentation by the chief justice of an appellate court. **The Honorable Alice Oliver-Parrot** (who first met me while she was on-campus interviewing law students for clerkships with her firm) spoke to the need of protecting both the law and the legal process in order to protect our own liberty.

On Friday night, we were at the hotel, eating a Tex-Mex buffet. I shared a story about my fifteen-year association with the League of Women Voters (I am Vice-President of the Houston League). Next was a rousing speech by **Raymond Hill**, who is a First Amendment advocate and who has been called a "citizen provocateur" by the United States Supreme Court (107 S.Ct. 2508, footnote 7). Following this were pearls of wisdom from another appeals court justice (and my high school classmate), **Honorable Fred Biery**. He addressed the ongoing erosion of civil rights and of our duty to stand tall for our freedom as transgendered persons. All of these are in the Proceedings. These were capped by fine entertainment from **Wendy Parker** and from **Phyllis and Colleen Hurd** (included in the audio proceedings only).

On ***Saturday*** from morning through lunch and into the afternoon, the nine project areas of law made their committee reports. They were all good, substantive and relevant. They are all in the Proceedings. Of note were three project coordinators from the transgender community. **Sharon Stuart**, the Military Law Project, continues past the conference to attend area transgender gatherings to present this work: call her at 1-800-824-7122 if change in military law is of interest to you. **Marla Aspen**, the Health Law Project, is doing similar work past the conference: call her at 1-301-495-8987. **Laura Smiley**, the Employment Law and Policy Project, can be contacted at 1-301-751-5289. Deserving special recognition also is the Employer's Handbook developed through Laura by **Dana Joyce Cole** (a draft is available in the written Proceedings).

At Saturday dinner, I shared the story of how the City of Houston cross-dressing ordinance was repealed in 1981. Next, we heard the report from **Ms. Linda Sanchez**, the first law student to win the student writing competition in the area of sexual minority and transgender law which I endowed at the University of Houston Law Center. Following this was a justice from on of Texas's highest courts, Honorable Charles Baird, who addressed the various things that criminal law should NOT do to the transgender community members who happen to run afoul with the criminal justice system. This was followed by great entertainment by **Bren Piranio** (available in the audio Proceedings).

On ***Sunday*** morning, we worked through brunch in initial planning for the second Conference. The initial regional planning meeting for the second Conference was in Springfield, Massachusetts in November, 1992. We tentatively chose these areas for the Second Conference: Health (Marla Aspen), Military (Sharon Stuart), and Employment (Laura Smiley), plus Personal Identification and Records, Legal Intervention, International Bill of Rights, Insurance, Family and Entrepreneurship. The attendees volunteered quickly to seek speakers from outside the United States as well as those within who were legislators, judges, professors and government regulators (the list was broad). Further work has begun to incorporate the annual conference as a non-profit organization.

The next regional planning meeting will be in San Antonio during the Texas T Party, February 27-8, 1993. The final regional planning will be in Denver Colorado USA, April 24-5, 1993. Contact Laura Smiley (above).

THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW & EMPLOYMENT POLICY
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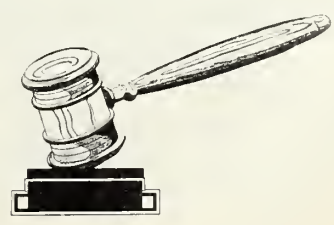
Our acknowledgement and thanks go to: the principal sponsor, Houston's **Gulf Coast Transgender Community** (GCTC) and its many member volunteers, attendance support of the local **Tri-Ess Chapter** and **the San Antonio Boulton & Park Society**, the **Winslow Street Fund** for its generous grant, **Betty Ringwood** and **Karen Karin** for producing the Second Conference's initial regional planning last November.



Calendar of Major Events

If you have an event of Regional, National, or International interest, please send your information to:
IFGE Calendar, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778

FEBRUARY, 1993

20-24: **Mardi Gras, New York**
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20-21: **Les Tours de Paris, a Grand Spectacular Cabaret and Dinner in Paris**
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26-28: **5th Annual TEXAS T PARTY, San Antonio TX**
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX
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26-28: **Southern Exposure, Atlanta, GA**
Southern Exposure, P O Box 312,
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MARCH, 1993

12-14: **North Wales Weekend at Colwyn Bay, Wales**
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14-21: **7th Annual Coming Together Convention, Philadelphia PA**
IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778 USA

18-21: **Holiday En Femme, San Francisco CA**
Tri-Ess , P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275 USA

26-28: **6th Annual Night of 1000 Gowns, NYC**
Imperial Court of New York, e/o Ben Freeman,
200 East 16th Street, Suite 2M,
New York NY 10003 USA

APRIL, 1993

24: **Transidentitas-Tagung, Frankfurt, GERMANY**
Transidentitas, Postfach 10 10 46,
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24-26: **Moonlight in Manhattan, New York NY**
Ms. Linda Frank, 330 West 45th Street,Apt 3-E,
New York NY 10036 USA Phone (212) 765-3561

28-May 2: **California Dreamin', Burbank CA**
California Dreamin',P O Box 1088,Yorba Linda
CA 92686 USA (714) 779-9013 (before 9pm PT)

29-May 2: **Poconos Fantasy Festival, Poconos PA**
Fem Fashions, 9W 31st Street, #7R, New York
NY 10001 USA (212) 629-5750

29-May 3: **Fashion Weekend in Devon, Wales**
Ms. Christina-R-Peel, Flat 1 Cerrig Llwyd,
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MAY, 1993

12-16: **Esprit 93, Port Angeles WA**
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8-16: **Euro-Fantasia, Denmark**
Jenny Sand, FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika,
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20-23: **Paradise in the Poconos, Poconos PA**
Creative Design Services, Box 61263,
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20-24: **Dignity Cruise, Bahamas**
Peggy Rudd, 1811 Crutchfield,
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28-29: **Edinburgh FesTiVal, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND**
J. McGowan, 36 McLelland Drive,
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JUNE, 1993

1-7: **13th Annual Tiffany Club Spring Fling, Provincetown MA**
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9-13: **11th Annual Be All You Want To Be, Chicago IL**
Naomi Owen, Be All Weekend, P O Box 342,
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JULY, 1993

9-10: **Spouses/female Partners International Conferencefor Education, Dallas , Texas**
Cynthia Phillips, P O Box 17,
Bulverde TX 78163 USA

AUGUST, 1993

26-28: **2nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy**
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza Street,
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SEPTEMBER, 1993

16-19: **Paradise in the Poconos, PA**
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OCTOBER, 1993

15-25: **19th Annual Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA**
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The INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION for GENDER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS

POLICY:

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The Winslow Street Fund:

This fund has been established to provide a strong and permanent financial base. Only the income generated by this fund are used. Contributions to this fund are living contributions.

The Christine Jorgensen Fund:

This fund has been established to assist in the implementation of transsexual education objectives and to address other transsexual issues.

The IFGE Programs Fund:

This fund has been established to assist in the development and presentation of programs such as the international convention, conferences, workshops, seminars, and public speaking engagements.

The IFGE General Fund:

This fund has been established to assist with miscellaneous funding needs. These needs include but are not limited to maintaining an office, a staff, purchasing and maintaining capital equipment, assisting IFGE committee projects such as educational resources and marketing, and improving communications with and support of our community's organizations and services.

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Thanks again for all your contributions.

FOURTH QUARTER FUND RAISING REPORT

We have good news to report. More and more of you are listening to our message and making a decision to financially contribute to the operations of IFGE. Words cannot describe the appreciation your Fund Raising Committee has for your generosity and response to our fund raising requests.

We started the year budgeting $35,000 in contributions to the General Fund and setting a goal of $50,000 for the General Fund. Because of you, we exceeded our budget and met our goal.

To show you the success we have had and the progress we have made, let us compare 1992 to 1991. In 1991, we had 156 donors contributing $41,346.36 to all funds. In 1992, we had 333 donors contributing $117,315.75 to all funds. This is an increase of 113% in the number of donors and 184% in the total dollar amount of gifts. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The first table set forth below shows, by a listing of all gifts by size of gift. The second table is a listing of all gifts by the number of 1992 donors, 1991 donors, the total of 1992 gifts, the total of 1991 gifts and unpaid pledges.

It is important for you to know where our financial support is coming from. There are two very important trends that we need to emphasize. The first is that we have eight donors at $1,000 or above contributing approximately $82,000. This means 2.5% of our donors contributed 70% of the money. This emphasizes the need to attract more donors in order to spread the financial risk that

Donor Catagory	Number of Gifts		Amount of Each Catagory	
	1992	1991	1992	1991
$2500 +	5	3	$12,750.00	$11,500.00
1000 - 2499	3	8	9,550.00	12,727.00
500 - 999	8	5	9,900.00	3,905.00
100 - 499	77	35	15,711.00	7,997.00
60 - 99	43	30	3,436.00	2,202.00
50 - 59	36	20	2,402.00	1,700.00
25 - 49	66	23	2,177.00	852.00
10 - 24	83	29	1,312.00	434.00
10	14	6	79.00	30.00
	TOTAL GIVEN -		$117,315.75	$41,346.36

	Donors 1992	Donors 1991	Amount 1992	Amount 1991	Amount Pledges
Total # Donors	333	156			
PURPOSE					
Unknown	1	2	$50.00	$470.00	$0.00
Building	5	4	38,560.00	0.00	10,000.00
C. Jorgenson Fund	9	3	1,115.00	106.50	800.00
Educational/ Research	45	1	10,970.00	200.00	607.50
General Fund	288	135	50,415.75	37,536.86	4,695.00
Other	1	4	8,700.00	0.00	0.00
Winslow St. Fund	28	25	7,505.00	5,033.00	4,052.00
		TOTAL	**$117,315.75**	**$41,346.36**	**$20,154.50**

accompanies heavy reliance on a few donors. It also supports a cornerstone of our fund raising efforts: those who can afford to give more, should. We fortunately have several members and friends of our community who believe in this principle.

Second, the total of 333 donors is only 4.4% of our total mailing list. This means 95% of our mailing list is not contributing to the financial support of IFGE and the many projects, publications, and support it provides to our community. Everyone reading this report should be contributing something toward the financial support of IFGE, whether it is $1, $10, $100, $1,000, $10,000 or more. Give what you can afford, but please, give something to support our Foundation and all the good work it does.

Our success in 1992 will enable IFGE both to exhibit and participate on a panel at the American Psychiatric Association convention in San Francisco, exhibit at the American Association of Sex Educators Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) convention and publish important writings such as *The Employer's Guidebook for Employees Transitioning on the Job.*

Thank you for your past and continued support. The challenge to your Fund Raising Committee for 1993 is clear: maintain the current level of support while attracting new donors to our Foundation. Please help spread the good news and our message. Think of what we can accomplish if we are able to double the number of donors form 1992 to 1993. Won't you do your part to help?

Sincerely,

Laura Smiley, Chair
IFGE Fund Raising Committee

DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

PUERTO RICO

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUERTO RICO SISTERS: Foundation for the Advencement of Puerto Rico Sisters, Calle 2 #288, Forest Hills, Bayamon PR 00959.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 6:00pm. Meeting consists of one hour topic discussion and group public activity.

Security: Write for member application and information.

MASSACHUSETTS

GLEBIT'S APPLE: AAPPL, P O Box 94, Chicopee MA 01013. (617) 323-6082 Sandy, (413) 594-4703 Steve 11:00am - 7:00pm only, (508) 251-0678 9:00am - 9:00pm.

Nature: Mutual advocacy and support for Gay males, LEsbians, BIsexuals and Transgendered people and Supporters, hence GLEBITS.

Services: Hotlines in all Massachusetts area codes. We will return all calls unless specifically told not to.

Security: Each hotline has a secure answering machine.

SUNSHINE CLUB: Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.

Nature: Non-sexual, non-profit social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Monthly newsletter.

Security: Discretion and toleration expected. Write for information.

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

AXA: AXA, c/o Zoë Durga, P O Box 1331, W. Concord MA 01742.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists.

Services: Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. Contact for location. No dues or fees.

Security: Telephone or personal interview required.

TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE: TGA, P O Box 1331, West Concord MA 01742.

Nature: A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports Gender Bill of Rights.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778, (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa S. Lynn, Executive Director.

Nature: I.F.G.E. is a non-profit educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community.

Services: I.F.G.E. publishes the *TV-TS Tapestry Journal* and other publications relevant to the TV/TS theme. We sponsor the annual Coming Together convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in center" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

THE ADAM SOCIETY: The Adam Society, c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778.

Nature: A non-profit support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings. Publishes *Adam's Word.*

Security: Inquire.

ALCHEMY: Raven Kaldera, send mail c/o IFGE and we will forward it.

Nature: Support group for lovers, spouses, and significant others of Transsexuals.

Services: Meetings once or twice each month in a supportive atmosphere where we can discuss what it takes to love these very special people.

FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND: Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

Nature: Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males.

Services: Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking.

Security: Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.: TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (508) 358-2305 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST).

Nature: Tiffany is a non-profit social and educational organization for crossdressers of all kinds desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of peace of mind. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, for their family, and for friends.

Services: Tiffany services and activities include the *Rosebuds* newsletter, operating a safe-house, and organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses. Tiffany sponsors a formal Wives and Significant Others support group, a TS support group, parties, nights on the town, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings.

Security: Attendees must meet with and be cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Commi., or a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP: WSG, c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00 10:00pm EST), Edie Gallagher, President.

Nature: Affiliated with the Tiffany

Club. For those in a committed relationship with members in good standing at the Tiffany Club.

Services: Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, and the TCNE Wives' Support Group Provincetown Outing weekend in October.

Security: See 'Tiffany Club.'

REFLECTIONS: Reflections, P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026 (617) 323-6082.

Nature: Advocacy, support, political action, social contact group for TS/TVs and interested parties. Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, newsletter, research library, referral database. Dues $5 per meeting or $50 per year.

Services: Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street at Arlington Street, Boston.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND BBS, See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES): See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: Support network for Female-to-Male transvestites, transgenderists, transsexuals, and their partners. Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs.

Services: Meetings are every other month on Sunday at 2 pm. Locations and dates announced in newsletter, *Gender In Formation*.

Security: Call Bet or Lonnie before attending a meeting. Send SASE for copy of newsletter.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D., See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

GETTING REAL: Address mail to Dale Hamilton, P O Box 95025, Nonantum MA 02195.

Nature: Support group for TSs.

Services: Meetings the first Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. Meeting location is in Boston, near the T, with free parking, refreshments, and sometimes even entertainment.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

INNVESTMENTS: Innvestments, P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others on Cape Cod and SE MA.

Services: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Meets first Monday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place.

Security: Inquire.

RHODE ISLAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D., See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERCICES.

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TRANSUPPORT: TranSupport, Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, and friends.

Services: Monthly meetings. Inquire for time and place. Publishes *TransTalk* newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka Outreach Institute: HOAC, 405 Western avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. Ariadne Kane, Director, 207-775-0858.

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit educational corporation. Outreach works primarily with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance and Counselling, Therapy, Medicine, Law and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include the Gender Awareness and Involvement Network (GAIN); New Visions of Gender Conferences for health care professionals; Fantasia Fair, a live-in exploration of alternative lifestyle roles; Hopeful Seminars for couples to work together; and a Speakers' Bureau.

Publications: Quarterly Journal of Gender Studies for professionals. Information packets and an annotated book catalogue are also available.

Security: Outreach Institute's programs are sophisticated and strictly non-sexual. All participants in any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

VERMONT

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY: COS, P.O. Box 163, Farmington CT 06034.

Nature: Non-profit and non-sexual social and educational organization for crossdressers, transvestites, transsexuals, and their supporters and significant others. Provides social and educational opportunities as well as peer support. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media.

Services: A monthly newsletter, *The Outreach News*; three meetings each month. Inquire for dates and locations. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos.

Security: Confidentiality respected and expected. Meetings open, but membership application or recommendation of member required prior to attendance.

YECGBRITS: c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.

Nature: Open to British born Male to Female crossgender dressers/blenders and gender/sex changes and their loves who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain. We are a newly forming non-profit, non-sexual group. All letters and information are held in confidence.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB: The XX Club, Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.

Nature: The XX Club is the non-profit and non-sexual transsexual peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends and relatives are welcome.

Services: A newsletter, *XX*, is published bi-monthly. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off Main Street, opposite G. Fox & Company). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter.

Security: Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: P.O. Box 4002, Wallingford CT 06492 (203) 237-1968 (ask for Harriet Lane or Joanie Lassin).

Nature: Home parties for open-minded TVs, TGs, TSs, and their spouses or friends.

Services: Meetings 2nd & 4th Saturday each month. Membership $100.00 per year. Key members $250.00 (store clothes & have key between 9 a.m. - 11 pm). Information on TV activities. Newsletter.

Security: All members must dress at the clubhouse. Dressing room provided. Discretion required. Contact Harriet or Joanie for phone interview & personal meeting.

NEW JERSEY

F$_2$M: F2M, address invalid at this time.

Nature: A non-profit social and support organization created by and for female-to-male transsexuals and crossdressers. "Knowledge is the key to the door of gender-reassignment. Up-to-date information is essential."

Services: Social events in the New York area, confidential contacts, a comprehensive resource directory, and a newsletter. Compiling information necessary to the F-M transition into a central database. F$_2$M actively solicits correspondence: questions, concerns, and all items of F-M TS information are requested.

Security: We believe that confidentiality, and often anonymity are critical issues for TSs on our mailing list. All correspondence considered confidential.

GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: Boxholder, P O Box 110, Norwood NJ 07648; (908) 721-7469, Kate.

Nature: Support group for TSs, TGs, and CDs using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcolholics Anonymous.

Services: Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.

Security: We use AA's Tradition of Anonymity.

MONMOUTH / OCEAN GROUP: MONMOUTH/OCEAN GROUP, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

Nature: Open support group for all gender dysphoric persons. Affiliated with Renaissance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. See their description.

EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

Nature: Social and support group for couples where both partners are com-

fortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting. Discretion and privacy of course. Write for more information.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960; (201) 663-0772.

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual.

Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank now handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well.

Security: Interview required.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER: Renaissance South Jersey, P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. (609) 641-3782. Kara Forward, chapter leader.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social and support organization serving the gender community.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 6010 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSFORMATIONS NEWSLETTER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

Security: Inquire.

NEW YORK

CROSSDRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA: CDI, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. (212) 629-5750. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

Security: Call or write for more information.

GENDER IDENTITY PROGRAM: Gender Identity Program, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10014, (212) 969-0888 (answering service).

Nature: Support and counseling service for gender dysphoric individuals.

Services: Peer-to-peer counseling and facilitated open discussion for all transsexuals at the Lesbiasn and Gay Center.

METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK: Metropolitan Gender Network, 561 Hudson Street, Box 45, New York NY 10014. Message updates: (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.

Nature: Support, advocacy, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes, or whatever. Open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome.

Services: Monthly meetings on the 2nd Sunday. Newsletter *City Lights*, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Membership $24/year.

Security: Confidentiality respected. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

METAMORPHOSIS: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS (STA): STA, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th St., New York NY 10014, answering service 212-969-0888.

Nature: A twelve-step recovery program for all gender-conflicted individuals modeled after A.A.

Services: Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays at the above address. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

Security: We use Alchoholics Anonymous's tradition of anonymity.

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SIECUS): See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE GATHERING: The Gathering, P O Box 29, New york NY 10021-0030.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual support group for primary and secondary transsexuals and other gender dysphorics.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month. Inquire for site location. Presents programs, information, guest speakers, referrals, peer counseling, newsletter. Dues are $35 per year. Newsletter subscription is $25 for twelve issues. Members receive newsletter at no extra charge.

Security: Participation is open to all potential M-F and F-M pre- and post-operative transsexuals, friends, and relatives. Inquiry required.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163; (212) 477-6588.

Nature: For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.

Service: Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times and locations.

CHI DELTA MU OF TRI-ESS: Chi Delta Mu, P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475. Hot Line (201) 663-0772.

Nature: See 'Society for the Second Self.'

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence over five years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT: G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. Hotline: (201) 794-1665, ext 202.

Nature: An open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings are held. Publishes monthly newsletter, *Lipstick and Lace*.

Security: Inquire.

LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION: LIFE, c/o Vickie Stone, P O Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. This is also the Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Ess.

Services/Security: Publishes the newsletter, *Lifelines*. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

LAMBDA IOTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: See LONG ISLAND FEMME ESPRESSION, above.

TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB: TGIC, Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604; (518) 436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

Nature: Non-sexual group offering support to crossdressers, transsexuals, mates, and families.

Services: Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, bi-monthly newsletter, shopping guide, key club, and storage.

Security: We have a screening process to ensure the comfort and safety of all. You may feel sure of anonymity and our discretion.

TRANSGENDER NETWORK: Transgender Network, P.O. Box 177, Tillson NY 12486-0177.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, and SOs. Clergy and professionals are also welcome.

Services: Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral service.

Security: All inquiries are made through our P.O. Box. Names, addresses and phone numbers of each member are held in strict confidence. Anonymity and discretion are required to ensure privacy.

ANDROGENY UNLIMITED: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

EON (Expressing Our Nature): EON, 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.

Nature: Open support group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals, regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. EON provides the context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: peer support meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events.

Services: EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. Meetings are safe and secure, providing the opportunity to explore gender identity in safety.

Security: An initial interview with a member is required for membership.

CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO: CrossRoads, c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and crossdressers and their partners or family.

Services: TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

Security: New members usually must talk to a group member.

NU PHI CHI: Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CDs and their partners. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

Services: Monthly meetings, occasional newsletter and/or meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available.

Security: New members are interviewed and screened by a group member, or with reference from a sister group.

ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK: CD-Network, P.O. Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692; (716) 251-2132 (24-hr. hotline and recorder).

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual sup-

port group for CDs, TSs, and their spouses. Over 50 members, mostly from upstate NY.

Services: Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Monthly newsletter, *CD News*. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.

Security: Newsletter sent to all members who have completed membership questionnaire. Invitation to meetings extended after screening interview, or with references from a sister organization.

PENNSYLVANIA

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANSPITT: TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230; (412) 231-1181.

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetthe 3rd Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meet with club officer.

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

ERIE SISTERS: Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for all CDs and friends of CDs. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

Services: Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room iprovided.

Security: An interview with a club officer required before 1st meeting.

RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER: Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717) 780-1LSV or (717) 780-1578. Brenda Davidson.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the first Saturday evening of each month at Cameron Cut Rate, Cameron and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA. **Security:** Inquire.

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

Security: Call/ write for info.

RENAISSANCE-GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER: Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020. (215) 630-1437. Michelle Lynn, Chapter Leader.

Nature: Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

Services: Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call above number. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs of interest, as well as socials and community activities.

PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP: Philadelphia TS Support Group, P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103 (215) 567-7879.

Nature: To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Dues $25 per year.

Services: Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals.

Security: No drugs or excess bags.

RENAISSANCE - READING: Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Renaissance Education Association, Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406. (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

Nature: Renaissance is a non-profit, non-sexual organization dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace.

Services: For TVs and TSs. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Call the Help Line 24 hours a day for information on the latest activities.

For professionals: Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help professionals and clients to understand transgender behavior.

Security: There is no screening process for prospective members. All member personal info is strictly confidential, available only to B. of D.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

DELAWARE

WASHINGTON, DC

WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: Washington-Baltimore Alliance, c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. WBA Hotline (301) 277-5475.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual education and support organization for members of the TV/TS community.

Services: Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.

Security: Write or call.

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

Nature: DCEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*. Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services &crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay&Lesbian community.

Security: Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance.

METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE (MAGA): MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. It is affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly JANUS.

Services: General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

Security: Telephone screening and/ or interview required.

MARYLAND

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge Club, c/ o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

MY CHOICE: My Choice, c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, #1A; Baltimore MD 21231; (410) 732-4546.

Nature: We are a non-profit support group for TVs and TSs.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out socializing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.

Security: Interview required before attendance of meetings.

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (DCEA): DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

Nature: DCEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*. Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services &crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay & Lesbian community.

Security: Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance .

METROAREAGENDERALLIANCE: MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

Nature: MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. Affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly JANUS.

Services: General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

Security: Telephone screening and/ or interview required.

VIRGINIA

LA FEMINIQUE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

BLACK ROSE: Black Rose, P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210; (301) 369-7667.

Nature: Support group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome.

Services: Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.

Security: Call or write.

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

Nature: DCEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*. Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services& crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay & Lesbian community.

Security: Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance.

METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE): MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

Nature: MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. Affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly JANUS.

Services: General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

Security: Telephone screening and/or interview required.

PASSING FANCY: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

VIRGINIA'S SECRET: Virginia's Secret, P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242-0142; (804) 320-8737.

Nature: Support group for Crossdressers.

Services: Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter.

Security: Completed application, sponsoring interview before joining. Membership information is held in strictest confidence.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANS-WV: TRANS-WV, P.O.Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.

Nature: A non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, TSs, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.

Security: Prospective members must meet with an officer before being told the meeting place. No member shall reveal the true name, address, phone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

NORTH CAROLINA

TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION: Triad, c/o Stephanie Dula, PO Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427-8082.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings every other month, occasional social events as well.

Security: No personal information will be released without a person's knowledge and consent. Inquire.

GDANC SUPPORT GROUP: GDANC, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002; (704) 982 1028.

Nature: To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times, available when you need someone to talk to.

Services: Meetings on the third Sat. of every month at a private apartment.

Security: Call or write for interview.

KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS: Kappa Beta, P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101.

Nature: Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their wives or significant others. Serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.

Services: Monthly meetings August to May, usually in Charlotte. Monthly newsletter, *The Pink Slip*, $20.00 yr.

Security: Interview with Board member. Must be eligible to join (i.e., be a current member of Tri-Ess).

CAROLINA TRANSSEXSUAL ALLIANCE: Divinity (John Greene), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100 (704) 551-8838 (voice mail).

Nature: Group open to all regardless of sexual preferences. While not necessarily a support group as such, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club, either. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction.

Services: A newsletter is in the works. $25 annual membership fee includes subscription to the newsletter.

Security: Phone conversation with an officer is a must, followed by a meeting in a public place, preferably dressed. We are cautious, but not paranoid about meeting someone for the first time.

CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS: Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.

Nature: See 'Tri-Ess,' Tulare CA.

PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT: Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.

Nature: Non-profit support group for CD/TG/TS & Androgyny. Significant others are welcome.

Services: Meet every other month. Atmosphere is casual, social, but also therapeutic. Open discussions, programs, networking, & free professional referrals.

Security: Common sense screening; meeting place is confidential; mailing list for members only. Discreet.

MID-CAROLINAS GENDER ASSOCIATION: Address invlaid at this time. Sherry Lynn Capps, Director.

Nature: Open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Serving the SC and Charlotte, NC area.

Services: Monthly meetings in Rock Hill, bi-monthly newsletter, occasional social functions and trips.

Security: Phone, mail, or personal interview, or membership in another organizaiton.

GEORGIA

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.: Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033; (404) 603 9426. Contact: Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie.

Nature: TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region.

Services: Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Publications: *MM & PI Monthly* newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs, among others.

Screening: Required of clients before becoming members. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Business line: (404) 939-2128. Helpline: (404) 939-0244. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).

Nature: Professionally managed national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria.

Services: Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Publications: *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography of gender dysphoria, and J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials. Open to all transgendered persons. Membership of $30.00 includes subscription to *Chrysalis Quarterly*.

Security: All client information is kept strictly confidential.

ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION: AGE, P O Box 1542, Roswell GA 30077; Helpline: (404) 642-9652.

Nature: A nonprofit gender support group modeled after the Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. We are non-sexual and member-operated. Membership is open to anyone with a legitimate gender concern.

Services: Meet the third Saturday of every month in a major hotel which provides an inexpensive place for members to dress or stay. Meetings are a safe and secure setting for members, their families and friends to explore and learn about their gender issues.

Security: Information is kept strictly confidential. Members & guests must be screened before attending. One-time $25 screening fee, Regular fee of $5/meeting.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

CORSET DIGEST: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

FLORIDA

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077-0272.

Nature: Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. A chapter of the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess).

Services: Meetings on the weekend of the 2nd Friday of the month at an established Atlanta location. Outstanding programs for significant others and outreach.

Security: All prospective members are interviewed before joining.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

GENDER INFORMATION NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE: GING, Gail Driaper, (904) 332-8178.

Nature: Non-profit social and support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville.

Security: Potential members will be personally interviewed as to their needs.

FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.: Florida Chapter, P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32614; (904) 462-4826.

Nature: Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrolygist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. "We deal in solutions, not problems."

Services: Publication through Atlanta-basd *INSIGHT*.

Security: Screening through psychologist to attend group meetings.

PHI EPSILON MU / CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS: Phi Epsilon Mu, P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups.

Security: Interview required, emphasizing good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

REALITY: Reality/GLCS, P O Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446; (407) 425-4527, Dori Morrison.

Nature: A support group for persons suffering from gender dysphoria, and a network to professionals.

Services: Support group meets every third Saturday of the month in Orlando. Information on professionals dealing with gender dysphoric persons is provided upon request.

Security: An informal interview is required.

FANTASIA: Fantasia, c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Contact: Sabrina Marcus.

Nature: Social support group for all TVs & TSs.

Services: Group meets every Friday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding.

Security: Interview required.

SERENITY: Serenity, P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022; (305) 436-9477.

Nature: Social/support group for CD/TV/TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Newsletter. Meetings the first Saturday and third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.

Security: Contact hot line.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ANIMAS: Animas, P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. A periodic newsletter is published. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.

THE EDEN SOCIETY: The Eden Society, P O Box 22742, Fort Lauderdale FL 33335-2742, Brenda (305) 791-5368, Bob (305) 791-2476.

Nature: Social and support group for TSs.

Services: 1 business meeting & 1 social meeting each month. Newsletter.

Security: Interview required.

MOVING ON, REACHING & EXPERIENCING: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: An action-based support group for the experienced male crossdresser. MORE will provide the support, friendship and trust necessary to allow the individual to explore and find their own answers of where in the gender spectrum they want to be.

Services: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting consists of a one hour topic discussion, a brief business meeting, and a group public activity.

Security: Mailing list is confidential. Telephone contact list is open to all members. Attendance by non-member requires interview.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

STARBURST: Starburst, c/o J. L. Hores, 1801-69 Avenue S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712; (813) 866-0438, Joe, or (813) 842-3513 for TS.

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Meets the first and third Friday of each month in a private home.

Security: Excellent. Meet in a private home. Screened before attending 1st meeting. Call / write for appointment.

THE SOUTHERN BELLES/TAU SIGMA BETA CHAPTER OF TRI ESS: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: Non-profit social/support group for male heterosexual crossdressers, their wives and girlfriends.

Services: Meetings 3rd Saturday of month in private homes. Monthly newsletter with items of interest to the crossdressing community.

ALABAMA

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00/yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

SIGMA RHO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual outreach organization for support for individual hetero crossdressers & families.

Services: Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter *The Continuum.* Subscriptions are $20/year for nonmembers.

Security: There is a mandatory orientation program. New members must be interviewed by at least two board members before they will be told when and where meetings are held.

MISSISSIPPI

BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI: Beta Chi, P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253; Hotline: (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). Lee Frances, Secretary

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Publishes *Premiere* newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE VALS: Tennessee Vals, P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209.

Nature: Confidential, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private home in the Nashville area.

Security: Write to be interviewed.

MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS: Mu Sigma, P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers serving the Memphis metropolitan area.

Services: Inquire.

SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS: Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458; (812) 944-5570, Barbara; (502) 458-8028, Patti; (502) 966-8701, Lori.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual educational social and support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference or orientation.

Services: Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to all members for $20/year.

Security: Invitations are issued to meetings after a screening interview or with references from a member. Membership list is confidential.

OHIO

CRYSTAL CLUB: Crystal Club, P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287; (614) 777-0648

Nature: An open support group for TVs, TSs, and others who cross-dress with a full feminine identity. We provide a non-threatening environment for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting fee of $15.00. Peer support, newsletter. Buyers' guide in preparation. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Publishes *The Crystal Chronicle.*

Security: Inquire. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Omega, Box 954, Elyria OH 44036.

Nature: A social support group for heterosexual crossdressers& families.

Services: Bi-monthly meeting. Publish *AlphaOmegaOutreach* newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified Alpha Omega officer.

PARADISE CLUB: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter, *Paradise Tales,* and sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or events of interest.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings with the concurrence of an officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSS-PORT: Cross-Port, Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657; (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.

Nature: Cross-Port is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and the female-to-male crossdresser

and transsexual, and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

Services: Cross-Port distributes a monthly newsletter to all members.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

INDIANA

INDIANA CROSSDRESS-ERS SOCIETY: IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220; (317) 894-8040.

Nature: A non-profit TV/TS social/support group.

Services: IXE distributes a monthly newsletter to all members. IXE has a BBS, shared on line with the Adult BBS. Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>. Dial (317) 784-6975.

Security: Mailing and membership lists are confidential. No names, addresses, or phone numbers will be given out, even with the member's permission. Manners and common sense are expected of all members and their guests at all meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. We welcome all to our meetings.

MICHIGAN

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: Crossroads, P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Joanne Janiszewski, President. Phone messages: (313) 537-3267.

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter, *Crossroads Chatter*, and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. We also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

CROSSROADS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN: See 'Crossroads' above.

NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION&SUPPORTGROUP: N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; (313) 842-5258. Justina Williams, President.

Nature: N.G.D.O. is a non-profit support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers.

Services: We publish *The N.G.D.O. Key to Freedom.* We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee.

Security: The N.G.D.O. protects the privacy of its members. You can trust us. Meetings are held at a safe location.

THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area): Theta Omega Gamma, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary address).

Nature: Social support for hetero crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CROSSDRESSERS: Adress invalid at this time. Grace Bacon, Director.

Nature: An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

Services: Publishes and distributes the informational pamphlet *An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism.*

I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN: I.M.E. of Western Michigan, P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Nature: Social, support, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others, regardless of sexual orientation.

Services: Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

Security: All member files are strictly confidential. Prospective members must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

IOWA

IOWA ARTISTRY: Iowa Artistry, Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Nature: Support group for TVs and their families and gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, rap sessions, annual picnic, banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests,& information programs.

Security: Inquire.

IOTA ALPHA, TRI-ESS: See Iowa Artistry, above.

QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION: Quad-City Society for Sexuality Education, 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

Nature: Social support group for all genderists, gays, crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meeting the first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

WISCONSIN

CHANGING MEN: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

TV/TS CONNECTION: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

Nature: An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons.

Services: Newsletter, peer support, services' listings for members.

Security: Interview required, confidential membership listings used for newsletter & related organization mailings only.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY: CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55416. (612) 229-3613.

Nature: Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. We are a non-sexual group when together; however, personal orientation is not considered when newcomers apply to join us.

Security: A personal interview before coming to the first party.

SCD PUBLISHING: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

NORTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA

MONTANA

ILLINOIS

CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. Hot Line: (708) 364-9514.

Nature: Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, a non-profit organization for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, newsletter, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

Security: Inquire.

THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647; (312) 486-3125 and (312) 252-7024, Sheila L. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual outreach and support organization.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Computer bulletin board "The Sunday Society US TOO BBS" 7 nights a week from 10:00pm to 12:00am or by request. 2400, 1200, or 300 baud, 8-N-1 parity, color, mono, or no graphics.

Security: Phone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.

CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657; (312) 434-5445

Nature: Non-profit social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, their significant others, and supportive friends.

Services: Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forward&, monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

US TOO: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION (CIGA): CIGA, P O Box 126, Washington IL 61571; contact: JoAnn (309) 444-9918.

Nature: CIGA is a non-profit, non-

sexual association emphasizing support for the male-to-female and female-to-male TV and TS and their significant others. Significant Others are encouraged to participate in our outreach program as well as monthly social events.

Services: Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday - no charge. $20 annual dues includes the monthly newsletter.

Security: All members have pledged confidentiality. Interview required.

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ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615. Please leave contact information.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all CDs, TVs, and TSs. Open acceptance for friends, relatives, and professionals. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events.

Services: A bi-monthly newsletter, the *Gateway Femmes Gazette*, club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOS group meets for spouses, professionals and significant others.

KAPPA GAMMA MU, TRI-ESS: Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self," Tulare, California.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

Nature: Education, advocacy, and support.

Services: Quarterly newsletter & legal support.

KANSAS

I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204.

Nature: Support for crossdressers and transsexuals and their friends.

Services: MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Non-profit, non-sexual social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting and social night the third Saturday of each month. Newsletter, partner support, Big Sister program.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Gender Dysphoria Support, P O Box 15561, Shawnee Mission KS 66215; (913) 371-0658; Anne Ogborn.

Nature: Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender.

Services: Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to **F-M's** and **M-F's** equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings.

Security: Contact Anne Ogborn.

WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: Wichita Transgender Alliance, P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate. Non-sexual peer support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their spouses, and significant others. Group is open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion.

Services: Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, newsletter, brochures.

Security: A chat with an officer of the Alliance to ensure that you'd benefit from membership. Privacy is assured.

NEBRASKA

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

Nature: MAGGIE affiliate. Non-profit educational, support, and social group for TV/TS, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter *The Transformer*, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

Security: Inquire.

RIIO CIII RIIO CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Chapter discontinued. Contact: River City Gender Alliance, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

ARKANSAS

MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS: Mu Sigma, P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

Nature: See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

LOUISIANA

TRI DELTA CIII, TRI-ESS: Tri Delta Chi, Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.

Nature: New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/SOs, and is primarily a "social" support group.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of every month in New Orleans. Newsletter, *The Flip Side*, published monthly.

Security: Screening required for new members.

OKLAHOMA

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104; (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

Nature: Social organization and support group welcomes TVs, TSs, and interested parties. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.

Services: Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

Security: Confidentiality is assured and expected.

TEXAS

HELP ME.. ACCEPT ME: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK: ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001. (214) 641-4842, Aaron Davis, (214) 641-1822 (BBS data).

Nature: FTM support organization. Prosthesis research for FTM, physician referral and outreach, gender education.

Services: Monthly meetings, $10 donation per meeting, newsletter.

Security: Referrals from other support organizations or physicians.

DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER: Delta Omega, P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021. Hotline: Metro (817) 261-3253 ("live" Wednesday 7-11 pm, otherwise answering machine).

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual TVs and their significant others. Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Services: Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Publishes *The Texas Rose* newsletter.

Security: Screening requireed for new members.

TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION: TPGA, P O Box 381, Riesel TX 76682. Information line (817) 867-1077 most evenings.

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month in Waco or Dallas. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's *Gender EUPHORIA*. TPGA members will receive *Gender EUPHORIA*.

Security: Screening required for new members.

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE/NW: HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413; (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).

Nature: Transgender support group.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Newsletter, *Petticoat Junction* published monthly.

Security: Personal interview followed by invitation. Write for more information.

PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS: Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058; (713) 333-2278.

Nature: TS-Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, Saturday, 2-5pm, July 11, 1992 and November 14, 1992. $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.

GULF COAST TRANS-GENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC, P.O. Box 90335, Houston TX 77090; (713) 780-3553 voice.

Nature: Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, GCTC is a social organization for CDs, TSs, SOs, and others in the transgender community.

Services: Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Monthly newsletter, *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*. Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend."

Security: Screening required for new members.

TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Tau Chi, Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713) 988-8064 voice.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Newsletter, *Femme Forum*, published monthly. Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male

self). **Heterosexual Crossdressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening.

Security: Screening required for new members.

ROSENBERG CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.

WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH CROSSDRESSERS SUPPORT: Tri-Ess WACS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Helpline: (210) 438-7788, before 9:00pm, CT, please.

Nature: A genetic women's support group devoted to the primary goal of exploring women's feelings, concerns, and attitudes about crossdressing. Affiliated with Tri-Ess National, publishing a quarterly newsletter for spouses/partners. Providing local support for Heart of Texas and Boulton & Park support groups.

Services: Monthly meetings in the afternoon of the third Saturday of the month, north of San Antonio, TX. Certified psychiatrist occasionally donates time to the group. No fees.

Security: Names confidential.

HEART OF TEXAS (ETA TAU) CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: HT, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Helpline (512) 438 7604, before 9:00pm CT, please.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their spouses/partners, and families.

Services: Meetings on the third Saturday of each month north of San Antonio, TX. Newsletter, *Cross Currents*, published every other month. Spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Crossdressers Support (WACS). Social activities and outreach education program.

Security: Interview required before attending meeting. Mailings discreet. Membership lists confidential.

SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.

Nature: Non-profit support group exclusively for transsexuals. Affiliated professionals available for help&support.

Services: Monthly newsletter. Meetings the third Saturday of each month.

Security: Interview required.

BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042. Help-line: (512) 545-3668 live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT. FAX (Mon.-Fri. approx 6am-5pm CT): (512) 545-4888. BBS (daily, approx. 5pm - 6am CT): (512) 545-4888 - leave private messages to SysOp.

Nature: Non-profit Texas corporation for gender transposition education, open, non-sexual. Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Spouses/partners, families, and friends welcome.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month, monthly newsletter *Gender Euphoria*, local referrals for vendors and helping professionals, community education, reference library, referral to other support groups, sponsor of annual convention Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Crossdressers Support (WACS), couples support, TS issues group, and "newly emerging" group. Annual voting membership $25.00 (add $5.00 for spouse membership), subscription only (12 issues) $15.00.

Security: All membership applicants screened for sincerity prior to meeting attendance. All mailings are discreet. Membership/mailing list is confidential.

THE OTHER SIDE: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: For information, contact Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042.

Nature: STAR Connection is a coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Services: Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.

Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter (tentative member).

AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE: Austin Second Image, P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761. Hotline (512) 515-5460 Wednesdays 7-9pm.

Nature: Non-sexual educational and social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. "Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend." Camus.

Services: Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Telephone help line. Educational outreach.

Security: Personal interview followed by invitation.

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS: Alpha Chi, P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159. Helpline: (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wed. and Sun.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers their spouses/partners, and families.

Services: Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.

Security: Screening required. Membership lists confidential.

FIRST SATURDAY: Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

COLORADO

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): Delta Chapter, P.O. Box 803, Evergreen CO 80439-0803.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support/social group exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings and activities, monthly newsletter addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Annual dues $15.00. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, *Femme Mirror*, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.: GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211. (303) 458-5378. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. These areas include medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, and other related matters. G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline.

CROSS LINK: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through GIC, above; (303) 458 5378.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC: Contact through Gender Identity Center, above; (303) 458 5378.

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

WYOMING

WYOMING/NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER: Contact via the Gender Identity Center, (303) 458-5378, for information and directions to the meeting place.

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ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

ARIZONA

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

A ROSE: A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, their wives, friends, and relatives.

Services: Social activities, meetings, educational programs. Publishes A Rose News monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Alpha Zeta, P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

Nature: A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, monthly meetings. Publishes The Cactus Flower newsletter.

Security: Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

SORORITY: Sorority, P O Box 50151, Tucson AZ 85703-1151.

Nature: Support group for TSs, TGs, and gay CDs.

Services: Education and support about makeup and clothes.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE: Gender Crisis Help Line, 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies (602) 293-3456.

Nature: Referral Service offering referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community.

Services: A listening ear and a current list of professionals.

Security: All calls are confidential.

NEW MEXICO

FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess: Fiesta, 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess.

Services: Newsletter, Fiesta! published monthly. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area.

Security: Screening required for new members.

PHICHAPTER, TRI-ESS: See Fiesta.

CD/TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: An unaffiliated open group offering support, acceptance, and understanding for crossdresser & their families.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month (dressing not required). Anyone with an interest in crossdressing is welcome to attend.

Security: Ensured via mutual discretion and respect.

FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS: Rudi Clarke, ST Route Box 886, Alamogordo NM 88311; (505) 434-5144.

Nature: Support group for all TVs and TSs in the area.

Services: Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas.

Security: Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

NEVADA

JENNIFER & FRIENDS: Jennifer & Friends, P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

Nature: Social support group for CDs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

Security: Interview w/ 1 member.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028; (213) 469-4709; Amanda Silvestri, Director.

Nature: A non-profit organization serving the transgender and transsexual community.

Services: Confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and a newsletter.

Security: Open.

ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: Alpha Chapter, P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036; (213) 876-6141, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Fndr Emeritus.

Nature: Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters.

Services: Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/partners/families. Publishes *Alpha Bits* newsletter.

Security: Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess. Mailing list accessible by officers for official purposes.

CROSS-CONNECTION: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

ANDROGYNY: Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048; (213) 467-8317 ask for Shirley or Sheila, (213) 856-4867 ask for Rachel. Please mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm Pacific.

Nature: Social and support group for those who crossdress.

Services: Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

DRAGAZINE: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: Club Cherchez la Femme, P O Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803.

Nature: Private member ship club for CDs and those who appreciate the drag scene.

Services: Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details. Dues $5 or $10.

Security: Confidential membership.

ON THE SCENE NIGHT: Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.

Nature: Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome.

Services: On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City. $5 cover, free buffet, free copies of TV Epic.

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009. Information/Speakers (714) 993-7142.

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or cross-dressers only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: We sponsor meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. We publish a monthly newsletter, *CHIC Clippings*, and sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month.

Security: Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members and (if a home meeting) the hostess. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee, and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for members and guests.

CD SOCIAL GROUP: CD Social Support Group, PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

Nature: A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for more information.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: See RESEARCH.

THE CROSSDRESSERS QUARTERLY: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CROSS-TALK: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

FEMININE IMAGE SUPPORT: Feminine Image Support, c/o Alicia M. Lichy, 5405 Arrow Hwy., Suite 110, Montclair CA 91763; (714) 931-1515.

Nature: TV/TS/TG social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. Significant others and novices are most welcome.

Services: Meetings held at 7:30pm on the first Saturday of each month in a private meeting room at ALICIA'S FASHIONS.

Security: Interview with at least one member of the Board or an officer. Privacy and confidentiality guaranteed.

NEUTRAL CORNER: Neutral Corner, P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. TV/TS information line (619) 236-1586.

Nature: A self-help group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their families. Its purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life.

Services: Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, a buyer's guide, and a list of helping professionals.

Security: Inquire.

PHOENIX RISING: Phoenix Rising, c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.

Nature: A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages.

Services: Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

Security: Sponsorship by current member required.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC .: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See TerraNetBBS in COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

TERRANET BBS: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

LADIES KNIGHT OUT: Ladies Knight Out, P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713; (714) 262-9105.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group for TVs and their wives or significant others.

Services: Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun.

Security: Call or write.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA): Omega Chi, P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

POWDER PUFFS OF ORANGE COUNTY: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686. Information line: (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message.

Nature: Open, non-sexual social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: PPOC serves the Southern California area. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Publishes monthly newsletter, *PPOC Girl Talk*, and hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern California Gender Leadership Council.

Security: There us no formal application for admission to the club, but an interview by club officer is required. Club lists are strictly confidential.

TRI-CHI: Tri-Chi, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: Social and support group for CDs and their significant others.

Security/Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275; (512) 438-7788 live Monday 6-9:30pm.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, *Femme Mirror*, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.

THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456.

See also listing under PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Nature: GCA is a non-profit educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. All referrals require a $10 intake fee along with a written request. Also a professional medical, psychological and legal services co-op (see Professional Medical and Psychological Health Services).

Services: Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Gender and sex information; referrals for medical and professional support, personal care, correspondence and peer-linking. International contacts. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Security: Confidential and non-judgmental.

SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

GENDER AND SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

FPSG: FPSG, #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.

Nature: Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

Services: Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men of color.

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL: ETVC, P.O. Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486; Hotline: (510) 549-2665 (if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112).

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intended as a social and educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy, over 400 members.

Services: ETVC publishes the *ETVC Newsletter*, and provides a full program of educational & social activities & referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to these lists, except in the case of judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of another member to anyone, except with other member's expressed permission.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.

Nature: Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues.

Services: Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further information.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.

Nature: Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals.

Services: Meetings & newsletter.

Security: See 'ETVC.'

GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: No mailing address available.

Nature: A non-judgmental transgender support group.

Services: Meetings every Thursday in the Science of Mind room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885; (510) 849-4112.

Nature: Informal, non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their friends, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Publishes the *Devil Woman* newsletter.

Security: DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. Confidentiality is assured and expected.

FEMALE-TO-MALE: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618. **Nature:** Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THURSDAY IRREGULARS: Thursday Irregulars, c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541.

Nature: For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves.

Security: The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.

Nature: Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Non-profit, non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, transvestites, and their significant others to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We also promote the complete development of RGA members as complete men and women through emotional support and education. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. We publish a newsletter and sponsor social programs, peer support, outreach work, and public education. Visitors are welcome.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: See COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

FOCUS: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

GenderFlex: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456; (800) 585-7742.

Nature: SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community, their spouses, significant others, and professionals. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Monthly socials, support groups (TV/TS/SO), newsletter.

Security: All mailing and membership lists are kept confidential. Only certain officers have access.

SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: Address invalid.

Nature: JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc.

JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community and to the S/M community about itself. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual.

Services: Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

Security: All membership lists and mailings are kept in strictest confidence.

NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time. (916) 529-2201.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only.

Security: Call hotline for an appointment with Client Acceptance .

SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS: Sierra Silver Belles, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

HAWAII

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 1142 Auahi Street, Suite 3114, Honolulu HI 96814-3128; (808) 923-4270.

Nature: Social and support group for TVs and TSs.

Services: Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, informational newsletter.

Security: Screening by contact.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

OREGON

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE: NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208; (503) 774-8463.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual social organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER: Address invalid at this time. (503) 230-1036. All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER: Capitol City Chapter, P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

Services: Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings.

Security: Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

SALMACIS: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist; (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

Nature: Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women.

Services: Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Also publish *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist.* The Salmacis Social Society meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network: SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

Nature: A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle.

Services: The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON

TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle Washington; (206) 292-1037.

Nature: A social group for transsexuals and lesbians. Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others urged to attend.

Services: We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee.

Security: New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

EMERALD CITY: Emerald City, P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103; hotline (206) 284-1071.

Nature: The Emerald City is a social, educational, non-profit, non-sexual organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Publishes a monthly newsletter. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance.

Security: Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at other events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored by a member and accepted by the Board. Confidentiality of member information is carefully maintained.

OMEGA ALPHA, TRI-ESS: Omega Alpha, P O Box 876, Stanwood WA 98292.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

ALASKA

THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: Berdache Society, c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community.

Services: Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Newsletter, *The Berdache Voice.* Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials.

Security: Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

CANADA

ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2; (418) 529-1152.

Nature: French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M.

Services: Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs.

Security: Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

FACT - QUEBEC: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

Nature: Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and paraprofessionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others.

Security: Inquire.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

Nature: Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities.

Services: Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter.

Security: All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

CLUB MET (Formerly TAM): Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8; (514) 528-8874.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter, *Garter Press*, $30 per year.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSINAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

FACT - OTTAWA: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1G 3T9.

Nature: Support group primarily for transsexuals.

Services: Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline (613) 238-1717. Arrange a time for a callback.

TRANSEQUAL: Contact line (416)688-0276.

Nature: TransEqual is a network of cooperating activist members who assist one another in Canadian-based rights advocacy projects promoting the equality issues of transgenderists & transsexuals.

Services: Information kits, Canadian-based rights information, support for other rights active groups.

Security: Membership is limited to publicly known "rights on" transsexuals and transgenderists. Mailing lists are confidential.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

TRANSITION SUPPORT: Transition Support, c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Nature: Transsexual support.

Services: Annual membership fee ($25.00 Cdn) includes monthly meetings and 12-issue sub to *Trans News* newsletter. Newsletter subscription alone, $15.00. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

Security: None. Inquire for details.

GENDERSERVE: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

CHRYSALLIS: Chrysallis, Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2H 5A5.

Nature: Support group.

Services: Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm.

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8; (416) 926-0744 (24 hours).

Nature: Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution.

Services: Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers, 24-hour crisis line.

GENDER MOSAIC: Gender Mosaic, P O Box 7421, Vanier (Ottawa), Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4.

Nature: Social support group for transgendered persons and their companions.

Services: Meetings twice a month, occasional social functions, bi-monthly newsletter, *Notes from the Underground*, educational pamphlet resource and survival guide. Annual fee.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB : Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2A4; (416) 921-6112, 24 hours.

Nature: Open, non-sexual, support, social and educational outreach club with an accent on FUN for cross-dressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, spouses, significant others, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens.

Services: Parties on the second and fourth Fridays, and every Saturday. Membership includes CDC Magazine subscription. The third Saturday is Ladies' Night Out in a local restaurant. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto.

Security: Modest screening process. Arrive dressed, or dress at the Club. Write, call, or send $8.00 for current *Canadian Crossdresser Magazine.*

TORONTO CDC NEWS: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB: M.S.C., Mississauga "A," P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CAN L5A 3A1.

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social organization serving TVs and TSs, spouses, significant others, and friends.

Services: Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service for others. Publishes a regular newsletter and an annual yearbook. Members receive the Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide also. Sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October.

Security: By member referral or by completing an application & interview.

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: Prairie Rose Gender Club, P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

Nature: Open, non-sexual support, social and educational club with accent on fun. Club is just forming, so please correspond to learn of when and where meetings will be. Inquiries welcome.

Security: Modest screening process, filling in application form.

PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS: Phi Sigma, Box 803, 6808 Ogden Road S. E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2H 1B4.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meets informally six times a year. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB: Illusions Social Club, Box 2000, 6808 Ogden Rd. S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings twice a month.

ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB: Illusions Social Club, Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton, Alberta, CAN T5P 4V8.

Nature: Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter *Illusions.*

Security: Inquire.

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP : Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4; (604) 536-2053.

Nature: Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, & transsexuals visiting from other cities.

Services: Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place.

Security: By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy inclusive rather than exclusive.

DREAM GIRLS: Dream Girls, P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings. Write.

Security: Private interview required.

CORNBURY SOCIETY: Cornbury Society, Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services/Security: Inquire for meeting times , location s& security.

TAU NU, TRI-ESS: See Gender Mosaic, above.

ENGLAND

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 081-756-1782.

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Bi-monthly magazine: *The Beaumont Bulletin*, which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, and articles on related matters. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

WOBS - THE B S PARTNERS GROUP: BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A support group for partners and families of transsexuals.

Services: A confidential support network by which people with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

Security: Inquire.

SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: A social organization for heterosexual transvestites & transsexuals.

Services: Regular newsletter, social events, etc.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

Nature: Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations.

Services: Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and his or her family to come to terms with the problem.

Security: Inquire.

FTM NETWORK: FTM, BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND.

Nature: Social support group for female to male TSs.

Services: Quarterly newsletter, *Boy's Own*, advice, referrals, occasional social events for F-Ms & their loved ones.

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: The TV/TS Group, 2 French Place, Shoreditch, London ENGLAND E1 6JB (off Bateman's Row). Telephone Helpline: 071-729-1466. Hours: 8-10pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Nature: Support/social Group for TVs, TSs, families and friends. Registered Charity #295376; member of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO).

Services: Peer support for CDs, TSs, wives and partners. Publishes *The Glad Rag* and other useful and informative publications. Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. lounge, refreshments, social areas, storage lockers, dressing room.

Security: Open meetings, but VERY conscious of the need for individual security. All that is asked is a name to call you.

PARTNERS' SUPPORT GROUP (TV/TS/ SUPPORT): 081-204-4187 most days between 11:00 a.m.& 1:00 pm.

Nature: Special telephone helpline for WOMEN (wives, mothers, etc.)

Security: See above

THE GENDER TRUST: BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX

ENGLAND. Helpline 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursdays for transsexuals. 7-10pm Tuesdays for transvestites.

Nature: A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): The Gender Dysphoria Trust, BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND Helpline 0323 641100.

Nature: A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, *dyscourse*, handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

NEW TRANSESSEX: New Trans-Essex, P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT; 0268-583761, Wednesday and Sunday evenings 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

Nature: TV/TS social club.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a quarterly magazine, *Narcissus*, and a help line.

Security: Inquire. Very secure.

LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary. 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only.

Nature: See 'Beaumont Society.'

Services: Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.

Nature: An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups.

Services: Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome.

Security: As applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

BOY'S OWN See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, The Northern Concord, P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.

Nature: A non-profit social and support group for transvestites, transsexuals, their wives and significant others. Associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group.

Services: Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar, meals. Accomodation available. Publishes a quarterly magazine *Cross Talk*.

Security: Inquire.

ROSE'S: Rose's, P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.

Nature: A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.'

Services: Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Quarterly publication *Repartee*.

Security: Full confidentiality assured.

SCOTLAND

GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP: 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.

Nature: Open to members of other groups.

Services: Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester, 03398 83695.

TRANS-TRAP: See PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSUCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.

THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: address invalid at this time. 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual TV/TS Support Group.

Security: Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.

TRANSCLYDE: See CROSSLYNX.

CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Nature: Provide help and support to all TVs, TSs, TGs, their spouses, families, and friends. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation.

Services: Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372.

Security: Inquire. We are conscious of the need for security.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB, P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.

Nature: Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends.

Services: Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: See LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Assn. Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

DOTEURS DE FRANCE: Doteurs de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligay le Ribault, FRANCE. Phone: 38454100.

Nature: This is a continuation of the work started by Pasteur Douce and the CCL.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788.

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

DE STICHTING REBORN: De Stichting REBORN, Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS. Immanuel B. de Vries. 010-4503469.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Bi-monthly newsletter.

GERMANY

TRANSIDENTITAS: Transidentitas, Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY. Phone: 069 8001008.

Nature: Support group for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Inquire.

TV CLUB HAMBURG: Postfach 26 14 26, 2000 Hamburg 26 GERMANY. Phone: 040.250.13.13 (Christel Grunwald).

Nature: Inquire.

Services: Inquire.

TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE: Transvestitengruppe, c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 1080 BERLIN GERMANY; phone: 030 208 21 57.

Nature: Support group for men who like to crossdress.

Services: Counseling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

VIVA TS - SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.: VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY. Phone 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

Nature: Self-help group for male-to-female and female--male transsexuals.

Services: Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and a Christmas meeting.

Security: Write for more info.

NORWAY

F.P.E. (Northern Europe): FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Services: Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Publishes *Feminform*, an informative, quarterly publication. A private library for members.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

SWEDEN

F.P.E. NE: FPE-NE, Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.

Nature: See F.P.E. North Europe.
Services: Publishes *Feminform*, the magazine for FPE-NE. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month.
Security: Private interview with qualified member.

F.P.E.-SWEDEN: FPE-S, Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN
Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual TVs.
Services: Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Publishes *Feminform* quarterly. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.
Security: Private interview with qualified member.

DENMARK

F.P.E. NE: FPE-NE, Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.
Nature: See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.
Services: Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: A group representing Transvestites and Transsexuals of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. c/o Yesil Bizan, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY. Phone: 157 8925.

SEXUAL LIBERTIES: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle.
Nature: This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. This includes a representative from the above community.

PAKISTAN

KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN: Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan. Phone code 05921 6158 and leave message, or 05921 2858. Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.
Services: Proposes to publish a newsletter for Latvia and the world, *Phoenix Rising*. Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastembloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc.
Security: Confidentiality assured.
Special Needs: Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

RUSSIA

ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW: Margaret Mankevich, 679190 Ajhal, Yakutskajassr, Mirninsky Rajon, Stkelnikova Str 2., Flat No 9, RUSSIA. Telephone 1119.
Services: A TV/TS support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention.
Security: Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOP.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number.
Special Needs: Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invitation is still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

JAPAN

ELIZABETH CLUB: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).
Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.
Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called *Queen* every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

ELIZABETH CLUB: Elizabeth Club, 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.
Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.
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ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN See Elizabeth Club listings.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Publisher of *QUEEN* Magazine. See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

AUSTRALIA

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.: The Secretary, Box 168, Westgate, New South Wales 2048, AUSTRALIA.
Nature: The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association.
Services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers.
Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar (Beaumont, Tiffany, etc.) organization.

SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia. Complete details of activities not yet available.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.
Nature: The largest continuously active club in Australia. A non-profit, non-sexual social/support organization for cross-dressers and their families.
Services: SSV regularly publishes the *Seahorse Victoria* newsletter. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.
Security: Inquire.

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: No longer active.

CARROUSEL CLUB: Carrousel Club, c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.
Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.
Services: Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.
Security: Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia; tele 369-2613.
Nature: A non-profit self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting.
Services: Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Publish the *Nu-Scene* newsletter.
Security: Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that the visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

NEW ZEALAND

HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.
Nature: Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND: The Minorities Trust, Box 2983, Wellington, NZ. Telephone: Wgtn (04) 844-764; (work) 737-800 ext 8642; Miss Leone Jeanne Neil.
Nature: A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople.
Services: Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social envi-

ronment for functions and entertainment.

Security: Call or write and enquire.

SOUTH AFRICA

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Phoenix Society, Box 21163, De Tijger, 7502, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

Nature: The Phoenix Society is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome.

Services: Publishes *Fanfare* magazine, actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts.

Security: New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

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PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES

(IFGE does not guarantee the quality of the individuals and services listed.)

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718; (508) 264-4565.

Services: Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Also, workshops on personal development.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: 233 Harvard Street, Suite 301, Brookline MA 02146, 617-277-4360; 44 Chapel Street, Augusta ME 04330, 207-623-2327.

Nature: Counseling that specializes in gender issues.

Services: Counseling CDs and TVs, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, F-M counseling, weekend programs for couples, post-op TS counseling, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors, gender blending and androgyny, and codependency counseling. Ari Kane, M. Ed., Gender Specialist.

Security: All sessions are by appointment.

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES): Services for Men, 66 Wyman Street, West Medford MA 02155, (617) 395-2450.

Nature: Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, Psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D.: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: Dennis Pearne, Ed.D., 133 Grove St. Watertown MA 02172. Office: (617) 484-0013.

Nature: Clinical psychologist.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: OPERN, P O Box 368, Boston MA 02215, Ari Kane, Director. (617) 277-3454.

Nature: Provides referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria.

Services: Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Publishes the *Journal of Gender Studies.*

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.: Nancy Strapko, Ph.D., PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264. (603) 536-1306.

Nature: Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area.

Services: Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with University of Minn.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Cheshire Counseling Associates, 104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431; (603) 357-5544; Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.

Nature: Transvestite, transsexual, and gender identity counseling.

Services: Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka OUTREACH INSTITUTE: 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. 207-755-0858. Ari Kane, Director.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Drtr; (203) 646-8651.

Service: Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

METAMORPHOSIS: Metamorphosis, P O Box 6245, Broadway Station, Long Island City NY 11106; (718) 728-4615.

Nature: Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm.

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: Androgeny Unlimited, Box 3445, Poughkeepsie NY 12603; (914) 452-8405. Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A private service providing counselling, research, and education.

Services: Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.

Security: Appointments for counselling can be made by phoning or by writing Dr. Peo at the above address.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: Persad Center, 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616; (412) 441-0857; Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.

Nature: Mental health services for the gender conflicted and significant others.

Services: Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814, (301) 652-6448.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 2114 N. Charles Street, Suite 3, Baltimore MD 21218; (410) 528-1638.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046; (703) 532-8723.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015; (804) 622-9900.

Nature: Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS.

Services: A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons.

Security: Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.: COPE, P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433. Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS, Program Manager.

Nature: Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center.

Services: Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

Services: Strict confidentiality. All inquiries will be interviewed.

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.: Adele Kates, 1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162; (305) 651-6442. Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.

Services: Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: Center for Contemporary Counseling, 2999 N.E. 191 Street, Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Schlosberg, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T. (305) 936-8000.

Nature: Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites.

Services: Individual and group therapy.

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: Tampa Stress Center, 4023 N. Armenia Ave., Suite 220, Tampa FL 33607; (813) 872-8631. Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D.

Nature: A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others.

Services: Counseling of CDs and TVs, their wives/partners on an individual or couple basis where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition.

Security: Strict confidentiality. All services by appointment.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: North Central Mental Health, 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201; 614-299-6600.

Nature: Mental health hotline and service provider.

Services: Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L. Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103; (313) 663-7871.

Nature: Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues.

Services: Day or evening times available. Leave message and it will be returned.

INNERCHANGE COUNSELING CENTER, P.C.: Lee Padula, PhD, 37677 Professional Center Drive, Suite 110C, Livonia MI 48154; (313) 953-3333.

Nature: Psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified sex therapist. Hours by appointment. Phone answered 24 hours.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Milwaukee Transgender Program, Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 230, First Financial Bldg, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304; (414) 774-4111; Gretchen M. Fincke, MSSW, Dir.

Nature: A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people.

Services: A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and re-assignment reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards . Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: 5594 North Hollywood Ave., Suite 204, Whitefish Bay WI 53217; (414) 332-1880; Charles A. Kiley, MSW, ACSW.

Nature: Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism.

Services: Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and SRS services.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: Eli Coleman, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator, c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis, MN 55454; (612) 625 1500, Fax (612) 626-8311.

Nature: A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School.

Services: Following a comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. The therapist facilitates a process in which clients discover the most effective way to manage their sexual identity. Among the options are: integrating crossgender feelings in the gender role assigned at birth, living part or full time in the role of the other sex, and hormonal and/or surgical sex reassignment. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, as well as complete physical health care.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Program in Human Sexuality, Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota, Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612) 625-1500, Fax (612) 626-8311.

Nature: In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and TS persons and partners.

Services: Workshops provide information, explore sexual attitudes and values, and address safer sex and risk reduction in IV drug use. Opportunities are offered to practice sexual negotiation skills and condom use, all in the context of transgender living. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.

RONALD B. BARON, MD: Ronald B. Baron, MD, 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035; (708) 432-7007.

Nature: Private practice of psychiatry.

Services: Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.

ALICE WEBB, MSW, CSW-ACP: Alice Webb, MSW, CSW-ACP, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058; (713) 333-2278, Fax (713) 333-2293.

Nature: Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, and recently in private practice in Galveston, Texas, is now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program: Rosenberg Clinic, 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409) 763-0016.

Nature: Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70's professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. A trademark of the Galveston program has been excellence in both clinical service and research activities. All staff are members of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, and subscribe to the Standards of Care.

Services: Comprehensive program including pre- and post-surgical psychotherapy, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment surgery. Additional referrals available for cosmetic, speech, and legal services. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Additionally, treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004; (303) 420-9885.

Nature: Practice limited to work with crossdressers, the gender conflicted, and their significant others.

Services: Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Also, a professional Speakers' Forum.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; 801-581-7951. Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

Services: Details not available at this time.

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Robin M. Mathy, M.A., 6330-1 E. Thomas Road Suite 210, Scottsdale AZ 85251.

Nature: Counseling clinic led by transsexual sexologist to help patients explore the gender continuum and find the most appropriate niche(s).

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F, Claremont CA 91711; (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539.

Nature: Licensed marriage family child therapist

Services: Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: The Prince Institute, P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.

Nature: A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services.

Services: Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or by correspondence.

Security: Total confidentiality.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: Gender Dysphoria Program, 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675; (714) 240-7020. Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society.

Services: Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, Ms Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454; (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

Nature: Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program.

Services: Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: GSAP, P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; (415) 558-8058; Joni E. Israel, Director.

Nature: A private personal growth consultation program providing individual,

couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues.

Services: Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: Tenderloin Self-Help Ctr., 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102; (415) 554-0518.

Nature: We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House.

Services: Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' and 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: Rebecca Auge, 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610; (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

Nature: Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, and a sliding fee scale.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION INC.: HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 326-4645.

Nature: Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: PCHG, Box 908, Berkeley CA 94701; (415) 548-8283. Hot Line: (415) 841-6224. Allyana Guenther, Director.

Nature: A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: Anne Vitale, D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901; (415) 456-4452.

Nature: Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues.

Services: In private practice, but associated with other Bay Area gender professionals, and can provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and recommendation for hormone therapy and/or sex reassignment surgery when applicable.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224; (808) 926-1000.

Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: Ingersoll Center, 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122; (206) 329-6651.

Nature: Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service.

Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE: Address invalid at this time. Michael Auch, Executive Director.

Nature: Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities in the U.S. A United Way agency, SCS receives grants from state and local sources to provide counseling and therapy for the full range of problems related to sexual issues.

Services: SCS provides a weekly support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

GENDERSERVE: Genderserve, Box 291 Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario, CANADA L8N 3C8. Susan C. Huxford, Director.

Nature: Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5T 1R8. 416-979-2221, ext. 2339.

Nature: Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period.

Services: Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Available for public speaking, family therapy, seminars, and presentations.

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Gender Dysphoria Clinic, Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z 1M9. Dr. Diane Watson, Director, (604) 875-4100.

Nature: Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff affiliated with the clinic include two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator.

Services: Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. Not a "gatekeeper." Gender reassignment surgery is not performed in British Columbia.

Security: A minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.

TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND): Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/11 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH16 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.

Nature: Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers.

Services: Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please enclose a SAE.

GENDER TEAM AMSTERDAM: Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren, internist/endocrinologist, Dept. of Endocrinology/Andrology, Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057, 1007 MB Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Tel (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

Nature: Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam.

Services: Presently treats about 1100 Gender Dysphoric clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

CDFORUM: UUCP electronic mail: uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request
Internet electronic mail: samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request@uunet.uu.net

Nature: An electronic mailing list.

Services: To share experiences about gender issues. This list is in Digest Format. An archive server with resources, movie/book lists, and fiction is available. Back issues are available. Electronic mail forwarding to members. To join, send electronic mail to Stephanie P. Gilgut at the above address. Your first contribution should include a brief bio. Contributions for publication should be sent by email to:
UUCP:
uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum
Internet:**samsung!wizvax!cdforum@uunet.uu.net**

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND: Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

Nature: Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues.

Services: News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

ALTERNATIVES: New York, NY. (212) 349-2845 - 2400/MNP5, (212) 349-3064 - 9600/v.32/HST 8 N 1 & 1 stop bit.

Services: Support and entertainment for the TV/TS/TG community. Extensive libraries and special interest groups. Health SIG supervised by a licensed, practicing physician. Growing AIDS library, and a private SIG for PWAs (People with AIDS). Also open to gays and lesbians. BBS located in a PC-Pursuit gateway for major reductions in long distance charges.

GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discreet support community for both TVs and TSs. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD: (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

GDATN: SYSOP April Low, Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (615) 333-0816. 8N1. Runs 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, more.

TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA: Atlanta, GA. Two lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, one stop bit.

Nature: Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc.

Services: Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: (616) 676-2429; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; Number Invalid; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: (312) 252-7024; 300/1200/2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

PUSS N BOOTS: Aaron Davis, 1551 NW 19th #905, Grand Prairie TX 75050. Home phone: (214) 641-4842, board phone (214) 641-1822.

Nature: BBS. Board up 4am-3am, message service, medical information, legal information, personal experiences. Baud 2400-9600.

Security: Call first to fill out questionnaire. Mention you heard about board through IFGE or *Tapestry*. Will have access to gender line on second call. Fee on extra online time only. 25 minutes free.

THE OTHER SIDE: Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest N/8/1; 300/1200/2400 baud.

Nature: Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download.

Log-On: For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: (303) 665-3746. 300/1200 baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Nature: Computer BBS

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

FEMINET: (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

CROSS-CONNECTION: Los Angeles, CA; (818) 549-0529. 300/1200/2400 8N1. **Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service geared towards the Gender Community.

Services: News and information, courtesy of Cross-Talk, National Gender Forums and on-line chat, stories, poetry, friends, and fun! Group Newsletter and Publication exchange. Other professional data services to the community. Shopping Mall on-line early '92! Log on with user-ID "VALLEY GIRL" and use password "VISITOR" then follow instructions.

TerraNet BBS: (714) 248-2836 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 baud, 8 bit, NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSGENDERNET, TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, DRESS*UP, and GENDER POLITICS echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Information Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

Nature: Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

MYTH'S REALITY: Anchorage AK (907) 333-3425 or (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8-N-1.

Nature: Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community.

Services: Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus.

Security: Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES

JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES: Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106. The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Tapestry, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E.

Services: The *TV/TS Tapestry* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

ROSEBUDS: TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305 (Tuesdays, 7-10pm, EST).

Nature: *Rosebuds* is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue.

Security: Mailing list confidential.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/Spiritual Values: Joy Helms, P.O. Box 1355, Princeton, NJ 08542.

Nature: A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

FEM FASHIONS: 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

Nature: Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

Nature: A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community.

Services: Publish *Art and Illusion* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September.

Security: Mailing list confidential.

LA FEMINIQUE: 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Gucrin, Editor.

Nature: A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing

and TV world. Includes editorials and feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles, and more. $5 for sample issue, $35 annual subscription.

Security: Mailing list confidential.

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

Nature: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $2.00 per copy; $12.00 per year.

CORSET DIGEST: CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.

Nature: Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, & connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments. Subscription, $20 for 10 issues, in US, $30 overseas.

BLOSSOM C. PASTER: 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

Nature: A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions.

Services: Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community. There is a fee.

Security: Call or write.

TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.

Nature: Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only, $20 per year.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

Nature: An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

Nature: TV/TS publishing house.

Services: Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bimonthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues. $3.50 per issue; $21.00 per year.

HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME: Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

Nature: Publication about gender issues, sponsored by the Metroplex Cd Corporation.

PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE: P.J. Publications, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413, Marlina Dawn Murphy, Editor/Publisher.

Nature: Monthly non-sexual magazine. Also publishes the official *Texas T Party Photo Annual.*

Services: News, events, photographs, issues, and articles of concern to the gender community, their significant others and their supporters. Subscription $20 per year, Mexico and Canada $29 per year, overseas (US funds only) $44. Sample issue $2.

Security: Mailing list confidential.

DRAGAZINE: *Dragazine*, P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

Nature: Published two or three times a year. Two-issue subscription is $4.95, back issues are $2.95 each. Dragazine Club Membership $15.00 to help defray printing costs. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade.

CROSS-TALK: P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

Nature: Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Also publishes annual Southern California resource guide. Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. 24-hour-a-day local information hotline (818) 776-8504.

Services: News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, makeup and fashion tips, Roger Peo's "Notebook," significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, Sandy Thomas fiction excerpts, JoAnn Roberts' *Hotstuff*, reviews, reader profiles, and feature articles. $36.00/year, $60.00/2 years, $72.00/3 years (US - write for foreign rates). Sample issue $5.00. On-line version available through Cross Connection BBS.

Security: Mailing list kept confidential. Magazine mailed in plain brown envelope without identifying markings.

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

Services: News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles. $7.00

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.

Nature: Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community.

Services: Private sessions. $75.00 first session, $35.00 for follow up sessions. All sessions confidential.

FOCUS: Address invalid at this time.

Nature: A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make friends.

GenderFlex: *GenderFlex*, c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

Nature: Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available for $2.00 each first class in USA. Does not accept advertising. Accepts interactive submissions of letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poem.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

Nature: A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: T.T.T., 566 Parliament St, Toronto, ONTARIO M4X 1P8 Canada.

Nature: A monthly tabloid dedicated to transvestites and their followers.

TORONTO CDC NEWS: *Toronto CDC News*, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2A4.

Nature: Newsletter about the gender community.

THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER: *Canadian Crossdresser*, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2A4.

Nature: Monthly non-sexual magazine for and about crossdressers, tanssexuals, and female impersonators. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information, or send $6 for current sample issue.

BOY'S OWN: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.

Nature: Periodical publication. Write for more information.

TRANSCARE: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Ant Trading Company, 4F Daisan Kosci Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

Nature: Publisher of *Queen* Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See: TerraNetBBS in COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: TGA, c/o Dr. Richard Ekins, Ulster University, Magee College, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JL, Northern Ireland.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230.

Nature: Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background.

Security: Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

IFGE HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: N. Cole, P O Box 241, Leavenworth KS 66048.

Nature: Historical research project sponsored by the IFGE Educational Resources committee. Researching the history of TV/TS organizations from 1950 to the present. The purposes are to capture the story of individuals and organizations,

to create a permanent record, and provide a comprehensive education resource.

TRANSGENDER RESEARCH PROJECT: Transgender Research Project, Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042.

Nature: General knowledge of all transgender behavior manifestations. Survey developed specifically for any individual with any form of gender rôle or identity transposition. Survey includes general beliefs about transgender behavior, development, sexuality, and general demography. Formal paper to be published and also filed with the American Psychiatric Association. Primary researchers include a psychiatrist with understanding of transgender behavior, professional analysts, researchers, and educators. Some primary researchers are transgendered. Expect survey phase of the project to continue into the early winter of 1992; response goal is 1000+ responses. All responses are kept confidential (responses are anonymous) and become the property of Boulton & Park Society upon receipt. Write to Boulton & Park Society if you wish to participate in the survey.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: Box 126, Northridge CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., Director, Department of Psychology, California State University Northridge, Northridge CA 91330; (818) 885-2828.

Nature: Individual and marital counselling for TVs, TSs, and their significant others; research on gender issues.

Services: Counselling and research on gender issues. (Dr. Richard Doctor's new book, *Transvestites and Transsexuals: Toward a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior* is now available from I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778.

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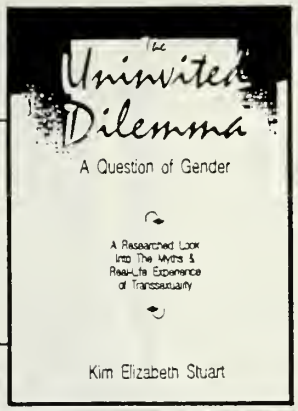

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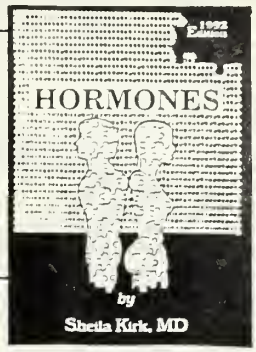

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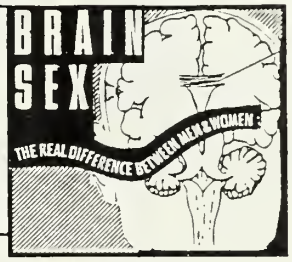

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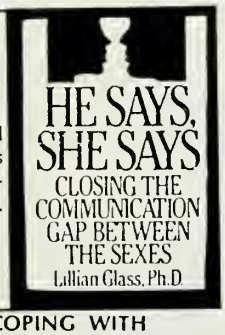

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PUERTO RICO

ANDREA FERNANDINI (PR-2817-63)
5'7", 150, white, romantic, and sincere. Interested in books, art, theater.

ROBERTA J. CAMPBELL (PR-2838-64)
6'2", 225, brown hair, brown eyes, single, 44. Bookworm and avid movie collector. "I'm a pre-op TS. Looking to write, talk and mingle with others who share the same problem. Also interested in forming a support group in Puerto Rico."

MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)

AUDREY M. (E MA-0280-65), Neil Moses, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134
Member TCNE. MWM bi-TV, 55, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

SUZANNE C. (E MA-0295-64)
Member TCNE. DWM, over 50, strong TS tendencies. Interests include computers, cooking, being Suzie as much as possible. Would love to be a housewife. "I prefer my feminine self and live at home as a woman, although I still work as a man. Feel completely comfortable and natural as Suzie, always think and act as a woman. Would be delighted to hear from you."

SUSAN A. (MA-P-0064-63)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

SHARON McGRATH (MA-0504-63)
Member TCNE, IFGE. Attended Fantasia Fair and Tiffany Club Provincetown Outings. WM, bi-TS/TV, 40, 5'5", 140, blonde, blue eyes.

VALERIE VINCENT (E MA-NP-0273-66), Occupant #VP, Box 8341, JFK Station, Boston MA 02114
Member TCNE. Centerfold in the Transvestian. 5' 10", 150, long hair, blue eyes, wear nails 1• inches long. Pre-op TS on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in writing to TVs, TSs and women; fashion, makeup, photo sessions. Love being a woman. "Wish to correspond with TV/TSs, and women who find TSs interesting. Will write to all."

EVE B. (E MA-0508-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation and pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

JANICE H. (E MA-P-0254-64)
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess, TV Entertainers, NY. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (E MA-0661-65)
Member TCNE. MWM, 42, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, TS inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. "I enjoy long

walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."

HOLLY CROSS (MA-P-027999)
IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff. Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing. SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a hell of a good time. "Try to answer all letters, but no guarantee."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (E MA-P-0733-63)
Member TCNE. Widowed WMCD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship and like interests."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R. (MA-0839-64)
SWM TV, 53, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

RACHEL L. (MA-0842-66), Boxholder, P O Box 645, Charlestown MA 02129
Attended Fantasia Fair, Be All. "Mature male (late 50's) with TG lifestyle desires to meet persons with TG interests for long-term friendships and possibly shared living arrangement in Boston and/or Provincetown areas. Varied interests and serious discussion desired. Let's explore the mature years together."

SHERYL RHODES (MA-0874-64)
Tall, together T. Bright, frivolous, for real. Candlelight dinners, a walk on the beach. Maube a movie. Yes, I do dance. Love to read. Eclectic interests. Value good friends. Time is the ultimate treasure.

SUE FANON (W MA-0983-63), Boxholder, P O Box 2432, Pittsfield MA 01201
SWM TV, 35, 5'10", 160, brown eyes & hair, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to meet other TVs, TSs and understanding women to help with makeup, wardrobe, femininity, etc. Would consider honest relationship w/right person."

LILA WALTON (MA-NP-1381-65), L. Walton, P O Box 36, Harvard MA 01451
For personal description, see Personal Listing in Tapestry issue #60. "Interested in connecting gender people to employers and vice versa. I am establishing a Gender Job Net. Tips on contacting employers. Reaching highly talented people."

ARLENE SUSAN L. (E MA-NP-1648-65), Arlene S. Lauren, 310 Franklin St. DLD 226, Boston MA 02110
MWM hetero TV, 49, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman. Especially love nylons, heels, and lingerie. Cautiously venturing into beautiful world of femininity, after years in closet. Love my femininity and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

EDITH S. (MA-1519-66)
MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with, meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with family, job, and M-F transition."

MICHELLE LANGE (E MA-1008-64), Boxholder, Box 1065, Burlington, MA 01803
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view, housekeeping, etc. Would enjoy correspondence with others out there who enjoy the same either from the maid's or superior's viewpoint. I collect and write stories on my experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

MARGARITA AMANDA R. (E MA-P-1815-63)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

DIANE D. (E MA-1776-63)
5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

CAROLYN NELSON (E MA-P-1829-63)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. Participant Poconos Weekend. TV, 170, tall, but passes well. Likes very much to go out. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in passing, making lasting friendships with other TV's.

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND (SE MA-P-1923-64)
Member Tiffany Club. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Married, 6', 170, 44, CD, with fashionable tates. Interested in CD videos, crossdressing, sports, developing a support group for CDs in SE MA. "So far I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet soon. Join us! Write now!"

CANDY SCOTT (MA-2050-65), P O Box 354, Sagamore MA 02561-0354
Member of Innvestments. Tall redhead/blonde. Interested in photography, reading current events, geopolitics. Helping Innvestments, Cape-area club for Ts of all kinds, to get off the ground. Need more members, supporters from Cape Cod, SE MA, and the Islands.

JAMI DOUGLAS (MA-NP-2140-65)
Single crossdresser, 5'10", 150, 27. Interested in fitness, shopping, movies. "Would love to hear from other E MA crossdressers. Feel I need to get out of my apartment as Jami, but lack confidence. If you have any advice, drop me a line."

DIANA S. DWYER (W MA-NP-2146-65), P O Box 4104, Pittsfield MA 01202
"Enjoy dressing as a woman. Am comfortable as either gender, although I rarely go out in public as a woman. Enjoy many aspects of creating a believeable illusion. Wish I had a real woman in my life. Am passable, lonely, and for the most part isolated. Would enjoy responses from warm, sincere, honest people. Am 25, nonsmoker, and a decent letter writer."

NANCY REYNOLDS (E MA-2160-65)
IFGE Educational Resources Committee Secretary (always wanted to be one . . .) "Walking the scary road towards womanhood: brave on the outside, chicken at heart. Active in IFGE; will never be able to repay our community enough. Workaholic engineer, quiet, but excitable. Lonely single, but blessed with supportive family, friends, and workplace. Love music, singing, playing the guitar. Looking for good songs for our community."

DEBBIE SAWYER (MA-NP-2170-65)
"A caring and nurturing CD, I love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance, too. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in supporting and building our community, and in advocating a political agenda that builds human, civil rights for the gender community."

BOBBIE DAVIES (W MA-2238-65), P O Box 1518, Pittsfield MA 01201
MWM, 42, hetero. Interested in tennis, martial arts, anything feminine. "Hi! My name is Bobbie. Been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."

SYLVIA FASHIONS (MA-2430-63), 54 Hazard Ave Suite 302, Enfield CT 06082
"Older TV loves to dress up, but not into extensive makeup or passing in public. Have good legs. Interested in fetish and bondage, but basically a sensitive and caring person. Love high heels, both yours and mine. Also like wasp waists and fashion belts. Willing to share large collection of self-videos. Contact outside the Hartford-Springfield difficult."

JOY SPENCER (MA-2530-63)
Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I am hoping to find through acceptance."

JENNIFER M. (SE MA-NP-2585-65)
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."

RISE CARMEN (NE MA-NP-2615-65), Boxholder, P O Box 13, Essex MA 01929
MWM, Bi, middle-aged closet TV. Adores femme dressing and lingerie. "Wife objects to my crossdressing, so I seek the friendship of a sympathetic and supportive woman, and other TVs for correspondence and meetings. Prefer NE MA, SO NH, SO ME. No racial or color barriers."

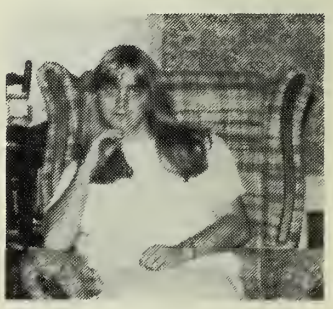
MARIE ALLEN (MA-2729-63)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'10", 190. Interested in golf, computers, designing clothes, modeling outfits, hostessing with a friend. "Am somewhat out of the closet, have passed (I think) on several occasions. Write TV fantasies about boys who are encouraged to wear girls' clothes by parents. The heroines wind up loving it and becoming the parents' daughter."

DIANE C. (E MA-2754-64)
46, married heterosexual crossdresser. "My major interests are fashion (I have an extensive collection of fashion magazines and videos) and the arts, especially literature and ballet. My role models are ladies who lunch. I would love to form a small group in the Boston area to meet privately once a month for Sunday afternoon tea and conversation. I am also an avid letter writer & welcome correspondence."

KAY LEE (MA-2787-63)
MWM, 6', 185, mid 40's, hetero. Married to understanding wife, but not in her presence. Interested in body building, sailing, learning about my feminine self. "Have been dressing since twelve, but have not had a full dressing experience. Spent last year in therapy looking for who I am. Just joined a group. Am finding out about the real me and wish to correspond with others who find this as much of a struggle as I do. As the song says, 'Let it Be.'"

TRACI S. (MA-NP-2942-65), Box 143, Medway MA 02053
Member XX Club/CIGNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op (M-F) TS, 31, 5'2", 108, brunette, hazel eyes. "I'm well on my way toward gender congruency (SRS by 1994), thanks to everyone's support! Frantic schedule restricts correspondence to other gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

JOAN R. (E MA-2841-65)
Member TCNE. "I am a very fortunate TG to have such a wonderful spouse, friends, and support."



SHARON LOVELY (MA-P-3122-66), P O Box 235, Worcester MA 01613
Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'6", medium build, blue

eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "Would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."

MICHELLE C. (MA-3139-66), Occupant, P O Box 801, Marlboro MA 01752
DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, makeup, projecting better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."

DENISE S. (MA-P-3143-66), Boxholder, P O Box 1731, Wakefield MA 01880
DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TSs in area for friendship, development of inner and outer woman. Want to learn to deal with these desires, and to integrate the two different people I am. Looking for compatible TV/TS to share living space on North Shore."

ROBERTA STEEL (MA-P-3247-63), P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035
Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in Western Mass."

ALYCIA DAVIS (MA-3210-63)
Member IFGE. Attended Fantasia Fair '91 - Ms Cinderella. Pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 145, 42. Interested in oil painting, guitar, writing. "Just starting 'my' life. Wish to meet or correspond with others traveling the same path, or who have arrived."

SHERI BELMORE (W.MA-P-3378-63), P O Box 1864, Pittsfield MA 01202
Member of the Sunshine Group. WDM, TV, 35, understanding, open-minded, single parent of three. Love getting out and having fun. Clean and sober six years. "Would like to meet and make friends in the CD community. Seek genetic female for serious relationship. Please write, will answer all."

KEVIN M. (MA-3277-63)
29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking transsexual for permanent relationship."

TINA R. (MA-3407-63)
WM, CD, 5'8", 26, brown eyes, brown hair, size 12. "Have been dressing since about age twelve. Finally accepting this side of me and anxious to experience more of the role of a woman. Looking to meet someone special to share the different possibilities. Very passable, but need encouragement and help from another dresser to go out with and take photos, etc."

JULIE P. (MA-3491-63)
Married CD, 160, 5'7", 30, passable, hetero. Interested in photography, art, travel, shopping. "Married to an understanding wife, but need to make friends in the gender community. Honest, discreet, and caring. Wish to correspond with CDs for support and friendship. Would like to meet others in W MA area to help me with my first night out. Please write."

DAWN P. (MA-3825-65)
SWM, TV, 40, 5'9". Interested in just about everything, but mainly movies, outdoor activities, computers, cooking, shopping, dressing, anything feminine. "Hetero CD since early age. Shy, lonely and scared, but taking first steps out of my closet. I'm seeking GG, passable CD or TS friends for mutual support, correspondence, visiting, shopping, etc. Would love girl friends to share, help with makeup, wigs, . . . Goal is to be passable."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

ANDREA K. (RI-P-1771-63)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER (RI-NP-2207-66), P O Box 4646, Middletown RI 02840
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

CAROL L. SUNDERLAND (RI-1413-64)
Blonde, 5'9", 157. Interested in backgammon, reading. "For the last eight years I have lived and worked as a woman. My goal is to be able to inform the TV/TS community about the methods I use to pass."

STEPHANIE S. (RI-NP-269364)
5'11", 35, 18. "Had a tough year. Back in closet suffering from existential Angst! Need friends to help with anxiety and self-acceptance. Deep-seated need to express femme side. Need the support of friends and a push or two or three. Would love to hear from others like Nancy Cole who have blended dressing into their lives. Trying hard to answer all correspondence. Love to you all."

MARCIE P. (RI-3432-63)
Married, 5'5", 180, 18, wife doesn't accept. Interested in SCUBA diving, dressing, cooking, being feminine. "Would love to meet others in northern RI, SE MA, singles or couples."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

ANNE MARIE B. (NH-NP-0844-64)
Member Tri-Ess. Age 81, M, retired physician. Interested in music (flute), wildlife, woodworking, com-

puters. "Crossdresser for more than sixty-five years, out in public many times, years ago. Now an old lady and contented home-body. My dear wife accepts, but takes no joy in my seeking of a feminine image."

KERRI R. (NH-1095-64)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making new contacts."

JODI B. (NH-1457-66)
WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history. "Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

ALISON H. (formerly MICHELLE HALL) **(NH-P-2490-63)**
Member TCNE. Participant Coming Together '90. Awards Miss Cinderella, Fantasia Fair, '90. S, 5'9", 140, 41, trim, fit, and passable. Quiet, sensitive, articulate, excited about exploring my female self. "Aerobatics pilot, artist, software engineer, and writer. Enjoy meeting intelligent, articulate, sensitive people, have made many new friends through my gender exploration."

DIANE O. (NH-1476-65)
WM TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in everything from a to z. "Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally get out and do things. Am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."

RACHEL E. (NH-3760-64), P O Box 2376, Salem NH 03079
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

MAINE (038- 047-)

LYNDA ANNE V. (ME-3007-65)
Member TransSupport. MWM, TS, 5'9", 50's, fair, blue eyes. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, Romantic novels, boating, shooting, and swimming. "Crossdressed since early age, often out in last twelve years. Passable, but family situation and small town location prevent my going out locally. Seeking TV/TS girlfriends, mid-coast area /lower ME with whom to dress or correspond."

MARGARET E. C. (ME-NP-3764-64)
\MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H. (VT-P-2021-65)
Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend Miss Congeniality '91, Texas T-party. 5'10" "Enjoying my female self no end, and getting better all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? Like to hear from others. I answer all mail promptly."

JILL ALISON G. (VT--3437P-63)
S CD, 33, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, passable, shave body (hate body hair), in closet, but want out. Interested in board sailing, biking, cooking, walks, sunsets, and dressing. "Like to meet and correspond with CDs, TVs, TSs, GGs, and pretty boys. Am clean and discreet and expect same. Photo appreciated."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER (CT-P-0212-64)
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to cross-dress. Like to meet couples and females for girl talk and friendships. Live alone in a small house in the country."

RENEE CARROLL (CT-0292-63)
Member NWGA, Crossroads. SWM hetero TV, 40+, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Other pursuits include cooking, travel, outdoors, photography.

ANDREA G. (CT-0425-63)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

DAWN H. (CT-0858-64)
Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150, 46 yrs young. Sincere and caring. Interested in sewing clothing,, '50's & '60's music and cars, water skiing, reading, and cooking. "It's been a long time to decide, but I know where I am going. S.O. and family know. Starting transition. Would like to hear from others."

MICHELLE KAY (CT-1490-66),
P O Box 679, Avon CT 06001
Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

RACHEL F. BOYCE (CT-1903-63), P O Box 985, Windsor CT 06095
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

RAMONA G. (S CT-P-1948-64),
P O Box 171, Montville CT 06353
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

RONI THOMPSON (CT-247766),
Ron Thompson, Box 5962 Bayview Station Bridgeport CT 06610
Masculine, muscular, professional

male. "Would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

LORI Z. (CT-2610-63)
6', 190, 60's. Healthy, educated, with a sensuous attitude. "Like to share my femininity with TV/TS's and couples. Please write so we can explore our femininity together."

TREVOR ALEXANDER (CT-2886-64)
Sharp, SWM, 34, post-op TS (both operations), 5'7", 165, blonde, beard. Interested in personal growth, comedy, discussion, movies, music, nature, art, fun, fitness, & sports. "Like to make contact with: MTF TS, post- or pre-op (as long as full-time with plans), for friendship and possible relationship; GM, CDs for friendship,support,& women; other FTMs & professional researchers."

DIANE D. (CT-NP-2962-65)
Member COS. SWM TV, 18/20 ultra tall, 38. Interested in golf, skiing, seven years 12 step experience. "Have been dressing fully over one year, now, and have made lots of great friendships, and growing wardrobe. Like to hear from all, especially tall sisters out there."

MICHELLE WINTERS (CT-P-3221-63)
Member of Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '88, Be All '89, '90. Awarded Youngest Member Tri-Ess '88. Hetero TV, 21, 5'8", 125, very passable. Interested in music, reading Sci-Fi and fantasy, astronomy. "Looking to correspond and meet with other TV/TSs my own age for friendship and going out en femme. Am very caring and understanding, and would like to help others with accepting their special gift."

ANDREA STEVENS (CT-NP-3214-67)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Have been dressing fully since early 20's, but just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and making life a total experience."

JACKIE ELLIS (CT-NP-3301-66),
Box 1226, New Britain CT 06050
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspong, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

JOHANNA B. (CT-3759-64), P O Box 1877, New London CT 06320
TV, 50, 6'6", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in classical music, computers, movies, Star Trek. "Love all things feminine, still in closet, but trying to get out. Looking for a very supportive SO. Would like to meet and correspond with other very tall CD/TVs (6'5" or over). Love my femininity, and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

SUZIE M. (N NJ-0686-67)
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."

AMANDA BARNETT (NJ-P-1060-64), P O Box 110116, Nutley NJ 07110
5'7", 10, 145, 50, red hair, green eyes. Interested in writing, history. "Would like to correspond and exchange photos and share true life experiences."

ELENA LEWIS (NJ-P-1200-64) ,P O Box 4805, Clifton NJ 07015
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. S TV, trim and petite, late 30's. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, and affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. Enjoy dining and cultural activities. "Enjoy dating mature men. Knowing how limited prospects can be, seek other sisters to share interests. No tobacco smoke."

JULIE C. (NJ-1460-65)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

LISA MARTIN (N NJ-P-1853-64)
Attended Fantasia Fair '90 & '91. "MWM, 6'1", 175, CD. Choose to nurture female side of my nature, love feminine dressing, especially heels. Like to correspond for mutual sharing, support, and possible shopping and club outings. Glass is half full. Other interests include psychology,shopping, running, tennis, dancing, and the beach."

KATHI LEIGH H. (NJ-3024-65)
SWM, 39, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, considered cute by friends. Interested in fishing, photography, new age music, nature walks, biking, and quiet evenings at home. "Mostly in the closet CD. Go out once in awhile at night, dressed. Wish to meet or hear from TV/TS or GG to help. Shy and easy to get along with."

KATHERINE H.
(N NJ-P-2073-64)
Member TGIC. Participant Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, Be All, Coming Out, Spring Fling. 6', brown hair, pre-op TS. Loves music, humor, corresponding, and helping others. "Do stand-up comedy, Broadway poetry, and all things feminine. Rap group moderator. Love to travel, housework, gardening, talking, & answer letters."

SHARON DAVIDSON
(N NJ-P-2342-66)
Married pre-op TS. 47. Interested in drum and bugle corps, cruising with family. "Like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in NW Sussex County NJ. Wife and ten-year-old son very accepting. Hope to start 1993 living full time as Sharon."

TERRY M. (S NJ-P-2400-66)
Member Renaissance. Participant Poconos Weekend, Paradise in the Poconos. SM CD, 37, 5'8", brown eyes & hair. "Grateful to be out of the closet. Have enjoyed much growth and self-acceptance through interaction and sharing with other gender people."

JOANNE MICHELLE W.
(NJ-NP-2944-64)
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs and GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a kind reassuring friend to get out of the house more. Very shy."

KIM JOHNSON (NJ-3037-65)
5'9", 155. Interested in running, computers, sports, coaching Special Olympics. "Am a married hetero male. I've been crossdressing ever since I can remember. Would enjoy meeting others in area to make some new friends."

JODIE H. (NJ-P-3136-66)
SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "Been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to pass. Love to meet other TV/TSs for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."

CAROLINE G. (NJ-3070-65)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 46, 22T. Trying to survive. "Lifelong CD still struggling to take the first step out of the closet. I really could use help with the fundamentals. A strong shoulder to lean on wouldn't hurt. Will answer all."

TERRY M. (NJ-3206-66)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

BABS C. (NJ-3219-66)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment and excitement, and escape from stress, whether as my own woman, or as my wife's submissive."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-3297-63)
130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. Interested in dancing, shopping a must, dressing in club style and elegant fashions. TV working on TS ambitions. "Hopefully, spring '93 will be the start of my journey to happiness. Correspondence welcomed. God bless us all!"

CHRISTIE R. (NJ-3319-63)
MWM, mid 50's, 6'3", 185, TV with TS tendencies. Interested in literature, classical music and jazz, gardening. "Still in the closet, but want out. Find it increasingly difficult to go it alone. Need help in makeup. Wife knows, but doesn't understand. Will write, but nervous about meeting. Picture available."

AMANDA BARNETT
(NJ-3346-64), P O Box 110116, Nutley NJ 07110
5'7", 10, 145, 50, red hair, green eyes. Interested in writing, history. "Would like to correspond and exchange photos and share true life experiences."

CYNTHIA WARREN
(NJ-3574-63), P O Box 6372, Bridgewater NJ 08807
45, widower. "Occasional CD from age four. Partner knew and disapproved. Now coming out more. Would like to meet F-M CD for rôle reversal."

DORIS C. (NJ-3643-64)
5'7", thin, cute, well-educated, good writer. "Since dressing in younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction to dressing in teen and preteen clothing has only gotten stronger. Also love women's clothes. Would love to write all with similar interests. Were you forced to dress as a child, encouraged to pursue interests at home? Will answer promptly and trade experiences."

STACY R. (NJ-NP-3870-65)
Member Renaissance. Single TV, 38, slender blonde, blue-green eyes, sensitive and peaceloving malchick. B.A. in History, working on B.S. in Chemistry. Interested in reading, writing, hiking, low fat cooking, film, Tai Chi Chuan, Zen, transgenderism, mythology, nature, healing arts, gaming. "Plan to get out in various locales. Welcome correspondence from all."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-NP-3949-65)
MWM, Bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything

feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-0228-66), Mr. W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, will try to answer correspondence."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-0434-63), Box 0734, Jamestown NY 14702
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society, Elaine Barrie Project. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. All letters promptly answered."

CAMILE A. M. McLAUGHLIN
(NY-0582-63)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu, TCNE, among others.

ANGELA S. (W NY-P-0719-63)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

RENEE' SLOCUM
(W NY-0651-64), P O Box 977, Geneva NY 14456
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

DELORES MERIIIGE (SE NY-P-0808-64), D. Merhige, P.O. Box 327, Massapequa Park NY 11762
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-1035-63), Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551
Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in Femme Mirror & Femanine, editor Lifelines), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys songwriting. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-0973-63), P O Box 15731, Rochester NY 14615
Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 43, happily married 20 years, 2 children, engineer. Interested in family, video, photography, cinema, gardening, swimming, computers (Prodigy Member). "Told wife in '86. She understands but does not accept. Enjoy meeting and helping new members of the Rochester CD Network."

JAN ALYCE V.
(NYC-P-1187-64)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme. S 43, 5'11", 195. Interested in opera, classical music, shows, long-distance running.
"Enjoy being out as a lady to the opera and museums. Also shopping and nights out at comfortable cabarets and restaurants in Manhattan. Let's share experiences."

JOAN FASHIONS (N NY-NP-1220-65), P O Box 1756 S Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12603
Participant Tiffany Club Spring Outing, CDI/NYC meetings, Club Allure. MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired. "Live almost full time. Travel NYC/NJ area as normal, everyday woman. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo from individuals with similar interests will receive prompt response."

JUDITH W. BROWNING
(NY-1678-63)
White, 5'7", 350, 49, health conscious. "Seek the right M, F, or couple to treat me as the total woman I could be. No drugs. Please send detailed letter with picture & phone."

VICTORIA L. NORRELL
(SE-NY-NP-1960-66)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

JULIE ANN C. (N NY-1695-66)
Member TGIC. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88, '89, '90. Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF.

JUDY H. (NY-1920-64), J. Holhower, P O Box 370, New York NY 10150-0370
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

LAURA STONE (W NY-1924-63), P O Box 482, Amherst NY 14226
Member of CD Network. Attended Coming Together '91. 5'11", 13, TV, married. Interested in movies, arts, fashion. "Interested in correspondence, but am limited in time."

CHRISTINA SCHULTZ
(LI NY-1981-64), Chris S., Box 233, Lindenhurst NY 11757
Single, hetero TV. Early 30's, 5'8", 140. Interested in rock and classical music, SF, and computers. "Been dressing since childhood, but still need help working on my feminine image. Looking to make some new friends."

KATHERINE H. (NY-2073-64)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89 & '90, Be All, Coming Out & Spring Fling in Albany. Was on "People are Talking" in Boston. 6', brown hair, pre-

op TS. "Love music, humor, corresponding with and helping others. I do stand up comedy, Broadway poetry, & am into all things feminine."

DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS (SE NY-NP-2246-66), P O Box 4462, Great Neck NY 11021
Member of LIFE, Director GNYGA, Co-Chair Moonlite in Manhattan. 5'10", blue eyes. Interested in meeting people, reading, fashion, dancing, theater, and music. "I have had some wonderful experiences and have met many beautiful & special friends the last few years as Dee Dee.I've just begun."

MARJORIE THOMAS (NYC-NP-2266-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Poconos weekend. SWM, 37, 5'7", 135. Interested in sports, classic rock, and putting on dresses. "I'd like to correspond with/meet other TVs and women (provided they like to wear dresscs, too). I have a dual personaiity and prefer to deal with others who are similar. I correspond a lot, so please be patient if I don't answer right away. Drag is great!"

KATHY R. (NY-2361-66)
Active multi-faceted person. "I'd like to let my feminine self emerge and try going out in public. Would appreciate a friend for mutual support. I especially value friendship with genetic women. Hope some could correspond. I also need a CD optometrist for eyeglasses!"

JENNIFER B. (LI NY-2441-63)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. "Recently married; wife very supportive. Love lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs and TSs or anyone with like interests. Live on Long Island."

VERONICA MARTIN (N NY-NP-2482-66)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

JANET LANG (NY-P-2539-63)
SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

LYNN K. (NY-2735-64), P O Box 1172, Amherst NY 14226
5'7", 35, 135, TS. Interested in photography, sailing, making new friends, reading. "Recently emerged TS. Would like to meet other GGs, TVs, or TSs to share ideas on dressing, getting out, shopping. Developing my female persona toward being a woman 100% of the time. All responses answered."

VICTORIA MARIE W. (LI NY-2597-63)
SWM, 6', hetero, size 16. Interested in SF, computers, tropical fish, trains. "Out of the closet, but not out of the house. Willing to write to any who advertise here."

SHARON ANN STUART (NY-NP-2848-64)
Member of Tri-Ess, TGIC. Attended Dreams, Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, was Miss Dream Community, 1977. MWM, 6', 165, 61, 14, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since age four. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1968. Go out often. I write TV fiction and poetry. Wife tolerates, but rarely participates."

NANCY ANN HOWES (W NY-NP-2851-64), P O Box 16127, Rochester NY 14616
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. Have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

SANDI T. (NYC-2902-65), Box D8, 496-A Hudson St., NY NY 10014
Member Metamorphosis. 5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 130, 8, very feminine pre-op TS. "Enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. Am looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."

DORIS KRESS (NY-P-2861-64)
Member Chi Delta Mu, Renaissance. 42. Interested in gardening, cooking, reading, jazz. "Married to a supportive, loving wife. Try to get out as much as possible, but I want to improve my femme self. Interested in hearing from others similarly situated, especially those in Long Island, New York City, and New Jersey."

CHRISTINA LEIGH (NY-P-2895-64), P O Box 285, Woodside NY 11377
Member LIFE. MWM, hetero CD, 30, 6', 170, blue eyes, auburn hair, 14. Interested in reading, history, politics, current events, the seashore, and developing my femininity. "Guilt-free and accepting of myself for six months. Wife knows, but not accepting. This limits activities. Want to write t o others in similar situations."

DENISE MILLER (NY-2974-65), P O Box 361, Amherst NY 14226-0361
Member Tri-Ess. 43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discreet, good humored, own small business, straight. Interested in golf, volley ball, architecture. "Like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls from their catalogue."

CAROL TAYLOR
(C NY-P-2910-64)
Member EON, TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-Town WSG (6 yrs.), Coming Together '90. MWM, 40-something, 5'9", 160, 16. Interested in femininity, writing (about CD), boating. "Married to a supportive (but not delighted) wife. Love the feminine and enjoy corresponding. Like to share photos. Believe this should be enjoyable."

EMILY C.
(NY-NP-2966-64), P O Box 306, New Hartford NY 13413-0306
MWM, midforties, 5'6", supportive wife. Love cooking, crafts, shopping, corresponding with others, family, exchanging ideas. "Love the total look. Am beginning to venture out and meet others and enjoying every minute. Let's write. Your letter will get a quick response. No sex letters. Photos encouraged."

DENISE MILLER (NY-3012-65)
Member Tri-Ess, attended Be All '92. MWM, 51, 5'6", 155, professional, private person, discreet. Interested in reading, movies, computers, cooking, photography, would like to try dining out, getting together for friendship, etc. "In closet except when traveling, dressed for shopping, mall walking. Need time to respond."

KIM CODY (NY-P-2927-65)
MWM, 40's, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD. Wife is supportive and accepting. "Dress every day except for work. We visit Provincetown and Manhatten often. Love all things feminine and am confident and happy with who I am, thanks to meeting others and becoming homest with myself. Will do our best to answer those who write."

JENNIFER LISETTE MARTIN
(LI-NY-P-2920-64)
Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'15", 22-24, tall, MWM, CD, professional, nonsupportive wife. "Envy you who pass. Jennifer loves to dress up in her best, would really like to correspond or meet with others. Enjoy outdoor sports, boating, golf, skiing, gardening, and reading. Need support of the experienced to become the woman I wish to be."

GINNY P. (NY-3386-64),
G. Petrie, P O Box 4103, Rome NY 13440
50, 5'10", 180. Interested in sports and golf. "Been dressing for years, but very privately. Now have more time available, so like to make new friends who share my special loves. Write and I will respond."

DENISE O. (NY-P-3124-65)
5'7", 180 and dropping, 40's, divorced. Interested in friendships. I love to correspond and will answer all. Willing to meet others in NYC & LI area. Love classical music, Broadway shows, model railroading, shopping and dressing. Would love to hear from all sisters out there."

LISA HAYES (NY-P-3292-63)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155, wife supportive. "Out of closet for thirteen years. Would like to go out, but wife and I don't think I am passable."

ANNE HARPER
(NY-NP-3195-66), P O Box 82, Alton NY 14413-0082
43, divorced CD, 5'11", 170. Active member EON. Self-employed designer. Interested in writing, building my designs, and enjoying crossdressing. "Live alone now and enjoy the freedom after twenty years of repressions. Many friends know of my CG activities and are accepting. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

JEAN TAYLOR (NY-P-3375-63),
P O Box 121, Goshen NY 10924
Married, hetero, CD, novice TV, wife knows but can't understand, 50's, look much younger (29 and holding), petite 5'6", 120. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, sunbathing, computers, shopping, lingerie, cosmetics, jewelry. "Seek sisters for correspondence, photo exchange. Would like to meet and help others. Will answer all."

PRISSY S. (NY-P-3420-63)
Attended Provincetown Outing '88. Divorced bi-TV with TS tendencies, 5'10", 160 and losing, mid 50's, work out regularly. Interested in classical music. "Love wearing bras, hosiery, high heels, and low cut dresses. Would enjoy going out dressed and dancing, especially with attractive men. Plan to go full-time."

STELLA ARNOLD (NY-3434-63), P O Box 232, East Norwich NY 11732
SWM, TV, 5'8", 160. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet other CDs for friendship and correspondance."

RACHEL H. (NY-3435-63)
32, 5'8", 130, hazel eyes. Interested in art music, writing, history, language, and cats. "Present

financial and living status keep me closeted. Wish to communicate with others and share life and dreams. I will answer all."

VICTORIA LYNN
(NY-NP-3429-64), P O Box 1951, Syracuse NY 13201
Member of EON. Attended Autumn Accord, '90. 5'8", 145, WM TV. Married, but strong attraction to other TV/TSs. Wife very supportive. Interested in history, engineering, writing, science, learning more about my feminine side. "Dressing for fifteen years, but just out of the closet. Will answer all."

JOANN S. (NY-P-3455-63), P O Box 675, Medford NY 11763
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of L.I.

GWENDOLYNN S.
(NY-3548-63)
SWM, TV, 26, 6', software engineer. Interesred in Sci-Fi/Fantasy, comic books, RPGs, all music. "Gone out a few times, never in my area. Was told I was more attractive than some real girls last Halloween. Don't pass because of voice, mannerisms, poor makeup. Looking for friends, relationship in SE NY, all CT. Want to make list of CD songs."

PATTY H. (NY-NP-3593-64)
Member Rochester CD Network. DWM, strictly TV and proud of it! Mid 40's with long-term genetic girlfriend. Big and sometimes bold. "Have passed, and not had bad experiences when read. Usually such occasions are amusing. Have not been able to get out as much as we would like because of the kids. Would like to meet and/or correspond with similar couples in the Finger Lakes."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-NP-3609-64), P O Box 1391, Bowling Green Station, New York NY 10274-1391
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

JANE ENGEL (NY-3685-64)
Member of LIFE, Tri-Ess. 34, M, 5'7", 140, lt. brown hair, blue eyes. Post graduate photographer/ geographer. Interested in travel, photography, sports cars, computers, tennis, skiing, baseball, football, gardening, music, dance, theater, swimming, art, and earth sciences. "Go out dressed day and night. Am a fashion mave. Want to correspond with others who want to do the same."

VICKI M. (NY-NP-3674-64)
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

JODIE H. (NY-NP-3700-65)
Attended Pocono Weekend, Wildside. MWM, 40, 5'11", 153, 11. Interested in having fun. "Wife very supportive, want to meet other couples to enjoy this new, exciting feminine world together. Just starting to go out, but everything is going well. Upstate New York. Have a great day!"

TRISHA ANN K.
(NY-NP-3754-65)
Experienced live-in care giver, SWM, TV college educated, polite and quiet. "Just relocated to New York state. Would love to find a position where I could at least occasionally dress. References."

AMANDA F. (NY-NP-3757-65)
50, recently divorced, 5'10", 180. Interested in WW II history, model railroading, boating. "Lifelong interest in CD, only now starting to dress, but not often. Discreet. Wish to correspond with and exchange photo with passable CD/TV/TSs and women. Need help in developing my femme side. Will answer all. No men, please!"

KRISTINA BRYS
(NY-NP-3767-65)
SWM, hetero TV, 31, 5'9", 130, green eyes. Interested in movies, travel, cooking, history, finance, and entrepreneurial ventures. "Looking for understanding females to help me explore ny femininity. At this writing, still in closet, but very much wish to come out. Am attractive as male or female. Am a loving and caring person. Exchange photos."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-3817-65) , P O Box 90594, Rochester NY 14609
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 39, 5'10", 240, BA. Interested in photography, model railroading, racquetball, cooking. "After lifetime of guilt, am finally coming to grips with the enjoyment of having a feminine part of my existence. Love to correspond with anyone to share experiences and

friendship. By being happy with myself, I've grown, and hope to continue with the help of others."

JANIE JILL G.
(NY-NP-3776-65)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T, long-waisted and leggy, brown hair and eyes. "I travel extensively and desire to correspond and/or meet with as many of my sisters as possible. We are all in this together! Love to do girl talk, exchange tips, adventures, photos, places to go. Cerebral discussions welcome."

ERICA H. (NY-NP-3937-65),
E. Haracz, Box 1420, Stony Brook NY 11790
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Published in COS monthly Newsletter. 5'10", 177, pretty passable, 40-29-37, fit from miles on the Stairmaster! Brown hair, eyes, S, no children, college-educated professional. "Enjoy shopping, movies, dinners out discreetly done with trusted girlfriends. Love penpals, designer casual clothes, and trips into NY City."

E.A.W. (NY-3839-65)
Single black male (light complexion), 34, 6'1", 240, solid build, ex-football player. Interested in music, reading, and laser video disc. "Have always been attracted to TVs and CDs. Would enjoy weekend dates with Long Island members. Long-term relationship desired. Correspondence from anyone anywhere encouraged. Race, age unimportant."

CHRISTIANNE A.
(NY-3936-65)
SWM, 30, 5'11", 148. Interested in photography, skiing, movies, and learning about the person growing inside of me. "Finally come to face the feelings I've had for a lifetime, and feel as though I'm at the start of a long journey. I'd like to correspond with pre- and post-op TSs who have walked this path."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

SHEILA KIRK
(W PA-P-0336-99)
IFGE Board of Directors (Executive Committee), Coming Together Staff. Member Tiffany Club, TransPitt, Paradise. Participant Everything. Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. "I work very hard, so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm eager to meet many others who delight in the same feelings."

DAVIDA T. (E PA-0944-63)
SWM, 39, shy and discreet. "Just starting to come out, thanks to a few friends. Enjoy spending my free time being as feminine as possible. Seeking friends who would like to share that time with me."

ROBIN FREY (E PA-P-0932-63),
Box 2072, Southeastern PA 19399
Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sun bathing. "Pre-op TS would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-NP-1357-64)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

BETH STEELE (PA-1031-63)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

MARYANN KIRKLAND (E PA-NP-1531-66), P O Box 1242, Newtown PA 18940
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-1722-63)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

JANET ROSE (PA-P-1879-64)
Attended Be All and Fantasia Fair. SWM, 49, 5'11", 143. Interested in business, race cars, domestic chores, CD. "I do turn into an exhibitionist in front of a camera. Would love to meet mature, understanding women for fun and friendship. Girlfriend also interested in meeting CDs' wives."

ALISON LAING
(E PA-1242-66), P O Box 635, Phoenixville PA 19460
Past Managing Dir. Renaissance, Outreach Institute, Chair Congress of Reps '92-'93. Attended Fantasia Fair, Ms Congeniality '87, Ms Fantasia Fair '92. Happy bigenderist, married, supportive spouse. Interested in travel, food, wine, arts and crafts, Native American culture. Educate the public about transgendered lifestyles. "Work for the good of our community. Spend much time as Alison."

WILLOW AYLA SIENEN
(PA-2052-65), P O Box 534, Huntigdon Valley PA 19006
38, 5'8", 170, blue eyes, brown hair,

DWM, hetero TV. Interested in Native American spirituality and culture, environmental concerns, reading, conversation, and being in nature. "Lifetime CD/TV. Accepted myself 15 years ago. Supportive girlfriend helps. Express feminine nature in all aspects of life."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-NP-1977-65)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F. (W PA-NP-2020-65)
SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree. Interested in psychology of CD fantasies. "Recently had first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts and petticoats. Like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other CDs and women who would help."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-2623-63), P O Box 156, Paoli PA 19301
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

WENDY MILLER
(PA-NP-2412-66)
President Transpitt, pre-op TS, living and working full-time. Attended Be All '90 & '91. 5'10", 170, 45. "I can be reached most evenings at the Transpitt phone, (412) 231-1181, and enjoy talking with CD/TSs in Western PA area about our group."

MISHA ROBERTS
(PA-NP-2882-65), P O Box 5662, Harrisburg PA 17110
6', 31 years young, single. Beautiful person, great sense of humor. "Enjoy making money. Love short skirts and the art of illusion. Please respond to me in a friendly manner. All who write, please include full photo. Misha is interested in sharing all facts of her life with all and everyone."

EMILY F. (PA-P-3380-63)
E. Fador, P O Box 95205, Pittsburgh PA 15226
Member of Transpitt. 40, 150, green eyes, blonde hair. Interested in makeup, hair-styling, golf. "Would like to meet other TV/TSs and women. Friendly and understanding. Was subjected to petticoat punishment. Would like to hear others' experiences."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-NP-3383-66), P O Box 51195, Phila. PA 19115
"I'd like to say Hi to all the wonderful friends I've made since joining the Tapestry family. It's opened up a whole new avenue of excitement for me. Would love to meet an understanding woman in the Philadelphia area."

KIMBERLY ANN W.
(PA-NP-3641-64)
Member Renaissance, attend DCEA. S, hetero, non-smoker, 5'10", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, 40ish. Interested in hiking, traveling, rocky mountains, military history, amateur radio, astronomy, classical music, rock, and dance. "Kim has really developed her feminine image & personality. Most of all, I would love to share Kim with a real and understanding lady."

PHYLLIS W. (W PA-2770-63)
P.W., P O Box 18413, Pittsburgh PA 15236
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, CD with TS tendencies. "I find that living two lives occupies most of my time. I therefore cannot guaranty I'll respond to every letter."

OLIVE K. (PA-2723-63)
Member Tri-Ess, SGA. 5'10", 138, 75, white, brown eyes, almost white hair. Interested in CD, maintaining household, cooking, and electronics.

LISA KISH (PA-NP-3649-64)
31, 6', 165, Soft and caring, a listener and traveler, a feminine soul. Interested in photography, baseball, interior design, and feminine fashion. "Am excited about releasing my true soul which I've suppressed since childhood. I have matured much since I wrote to some of you. Would love to explore the feminine side of life with those who have similar interests and attitudes. Please write."

KATHERINE KC CARTER
(PA-NP-3701-64)
MWM, TV, 36, 6'4", hazel eyes, long black hair. Interested in all things feminine, cross-stitch, reading, the seashore, music, collecting sport and non-sport cards, post-cards, etc. "CD since age five, but still in the closet. Have loving and supportive wife. Love writing and want to correspond with other sisters. Will answer all."

REBECCA L. (PA-2808-63)
M-F pre-op transsexual in mid 30's. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, slim, 5'10", brown eyed brunette. Interested in reading, classical music, and quiet walks through parks and gardens. "Would like to correspond with sensitive, articulate, M-F transsexual to establish warm friendship and mutual support."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-NP-3736-65)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

MICHELLE POOLE
(PA-NP-3813-65)
Member TransPitt. 6'1", 175, 34 but looks 25, green eyed blonde, passable TV. Loves photography, nature walks, snow skiing, movies, and staying in shape. "Love dressing sexy, makeup, leather skirts, sheer black seamed stockings with black or red pumps. Would like to hear from all, especially TV/TS and real woman to share my dressing with."

LESLIE B. (PA-NP-3774-64)
TV, SWM, 27, 6'1", 180, toned figure, professional, graduate student. Interested in music (listening and playing), reading, outdoors, sharing life. "Would like to be introduced into TV/TSism, crossdressing, and all things feminine. Still consider myself a novice, but believe I have the potential to be passable. Love to hear from understanding 'women.' Answer all who write."

RICA ASHBY FREDRICKSON
(PA-NP-3845-65)
"New" lesbian (but I've always been one), post-op (Biber 10-9-91), Lutheran Christian, lesbian feminist (PC-not!), programmer (PCs-yes!). Interested in sci-fi, computers, networking (give me your usenet address and I'll e-mail you mine), women's spirituality, "politically incorrect" sexuality, singing (alto), lesbian/gay square dancing, promoting acceptance of diversity in the lesbian feminist and Christian communities.

LISA MARIE M.
(W PA-3829-65)
Married, 42, 6'2", CD, understanding wife. Interested in music and shopping. "Would like to emerge from closet if possible, but need advice and encouragement. Although a lifelong CD, my life has been a private one. I didn't know you all were out there until now. Please write."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

AUDREY J. STEELE (DE-2434-66)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant 'Holiday En Femme'. WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CDs, writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-0931-66)
Member Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess. Attended TCNE Awards Banquet, 1991. 60, 6', 180. Gracious Lady married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home & office. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active in Protestant church. FAA rated pilot, resides in S. DE. Letters answered.

EMILY SHELDON
(N DE-P-0629-64), E. Sheldon, P O Box 4457, Greenville DE 19807
Member Renaissance. Attended Fantasia Fair '86 - '89, Most Helpful '89. Mature TV, fiftyish, pass easily in public. Enjoy fashion, friends, fun, helping others get out of the closet. Attend 2-3 TV meetings/ month, 2-3 major TV events/year. "Looking for correspondence."

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-2425-66), Occupant, P O Box 5093, Wilmington DE 19808
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/ TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (200- 205-)

MARY ELLEN K. (DC-1438-64)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, late 50's, matronly looking when dressed. Interested in music, travel books and magazines, Sandy Thomas fiction stories, and hearing about experiences of other TVs. "I do not have the opportunity to dress often at home, but I do have an understanding wife. I wear underthings regularly and do enjoy that. Would like to correspond and share with others in like situations!"

SHEILA K. (DC-3810-65)
MWM, late 40's, bi-TV, 6'0", 180. "Been crossdressing all my life, but only in the closet. Would like to meet my mirror image,a bi-sister looking for discreet, monogamous relationship. Make my fantasy come true."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

KATE GOLDMAN
(MD-P-1652-66)
Member ETVC. 5'8", 155, 44, TV, supportive wife. Interested in photography, reading, computers, and music. "I've practiced in the closet long enough. Overcoming my anxieties, ready to participate, and determined to meet others. Promise to write back to all who correspond. Please send photo."

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-NP-1725-66), Box 248, Monrovia MD 21770-0248
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the

transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with SO's who are dating or are married to TVs."

PAULA I.
(MD-P-1860-64) P. J. I., P O Box 24642, Baltimore MD 21214
TV, 35, 5'7", 135, married. Interested in music, songwriting, sailing, films, reading, and exploring spirituality. "Have several close and dear TV and TS friends and would enjoy developing more. Would like to explore honestly and openly what makes us alike and different. Especially interested in contacting people in the area, but will answer mail from anywhere."

NANCY ANN B.
(MD-NP-2046-65)
Member Delti Chi (DCEA), WBA. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", 160. Interested in crossdressing, competitive duckpin bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "Crossdressing has always been a part of my life. Now that Tapestry, Tri-Ess, and others have opened up the community for all, it has helped me to be me."

DIANE FERN (MD-2229-65)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with transgender inclinations and a very supportive wife. Enjoy progressive jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress virtually every day. Look forward to meeting people interested in open discussion of the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria - let's talk!"

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD-P-2739-64)
Member My Choice, Daughters of Isis, Mensa, WBA, DCEA. Participant Texas 'T' Party. 1952 Libra, 5'10", 170, dark blonde tresses; sensitive, feminine INFP; living full time since 7/91. Interested in beauty in all forms; veneration of the goddess; sunsets; mystery and transcendence; reading; friendship; humor. "Adore classical music, cultures of Antiquity, exotic cuisine, and good conversation."

ELEANOR O.
(C MD-P-2747-63)
WM TV, 41, 5'10", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. "Have been dressing for 25+ years, but only accepted this part of my nature 10 years ago. Dress often. I like the professional, feminine, conservative style, which fits my nature as a management woman. Hope to meet and/or correspond with other TV-CDs and TSs. Will respond to all who write."

ANN MILLER (C MD-2776-64)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 39, 6', 180, lifelong TV. "Ready to start out of the closet. Interested in corresponding with other TVs and TSs. Educated, responsible person desiring to meet same. Please respond with photo."

BARBARA A. (MD-P-2795-64), P O Box 3255, Laural MD 20709
Member D.C.E.A. TV, 5'10", 140 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Travel frequently to CA, CO, FL, and AL. "Interested in corresponding with others and making new friends."

FRAN CAMPBELL
(MD-P-2855-64), P O Box 469, Bowie MD 20718-0469
Member of Boulton & Park Society, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance. 6'2", 215, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, MIDI, computers. "Just relocated to the DC area. Will join one or two local support groups when settled. Would like your comment on the available groups. Please write."

LYNN B. (MD-NP-2931-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend. 6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interested in good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art. "Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CDs in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-3142-66), P O Box 1551, White Plains MD 20695
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady sorrespondent."

ANGELA F. (MD-P-3453-63)
Eclectic TG, 27, 5'6", single, musician, artist, medical professional. Like the outdoors, bicycling, the beach, long talks, classical to progressive music, cooking, flying, home-brewing, building things, creating, being. "Am new to the community and trying to find my place in the gender spectrum. Desire contact with interesting souls for mutual life enhancement."

JULIANNE CHRISTINE THOMAS (MD-3203-63), P O Box 59392, Potomac MD 20859
5'10", 170, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in skiing, cooking, shopping, roller coasters, travel, and

camping. "I have just begun to allow my feminine self to emerge. I could use all the help and guidance to become more feminine. Will respond to all who write."

GWEN D. (MD-NP-3547-63)
6', 155, 37, MWM, educated, professional artist. "Am new to our community and very much want to learn and experience more of this wonderful and exciting lifestyle. Adore everything feminine and flirtatious, from short skirts and high heels to bridal gowns and baby dolls. Would love to correspond and possibly meet other TV/TSs. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

ALEXANDRA RICHARDS (MD-NP-3862-65) P O Box 65, Glenn Dale MD 20769
Very attractive CD, 35, intelligent, warm, optimistic, perceptive, emotionally secure. Lover of feminine beauty, psychology, philosophy, spirituality. "Seeking beautiful, intelligent, articulate CD/TS or genetic woman for correspondence, friendship, maybe more. Include photo for response."

MICHELLE HANSON (MD-3598-64)
38, 5'10", very overweight. Unsupportive spouse. Shy, but excited about coming out. TS tendencies since childhood. Interested in chess, hypnosis, Tom Clancy novels, Chinese food, feminist issues. "Would like to correspond with others in the DC, MD, VA area who are dealing with TG issues. Recently started therapy (Again!) and am intent on letting my feminine side live, even thrive."

LINDA GREGORY (MD-NP-3900-65), Box 8003, Temple Hills MD 20757
5'11", 180, brown hair, green eyes. Social drinker/smoker. "New to TV community. Love to act and be treated like a lady. Desire thoughtful, intimate correspondence with admirers, and hearing from other girls who harbor the same need to express their feminine self."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

SUSAN REYNOLDS (VA-0017-63), Box 11160, Alexandria VA 22312
Member Tri-Ess. Participant P-town and Poconos gatherings. Reasonably passable. Love sleek clothing. Adore being VERY buxom when at home. "I write to a number of sisters, and especially enjoy writing to those sisters who like being buxom. Am very happy and content with myself as a woman."

SHEILA W. (VA-P-2276-65), P O box 64593, Virginia Beach VA 23467
Member Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Interested in photography, woodworking, corresponding, meeting others, exchanging photos. "I enjoy all aspects of being a CD and am delighted to meet others. My time is limited, but I try to be a good correspondent."

CHRISTINA SMITH (VA-P-1868-63), P O Box 34631, Richmond VA 23234
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. MWM, 40's, 6', 185. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

JAYNE MACK (VA-P-1206-64), 7010 Brookfield Pl. #545, Springfield VA 22150
DWM, early 50's, 5'8", 160, blue eyes, grey hair. Interested in writing, dressing up, jazz. "Looking for help in becoming as feminine as possible. Want to meet sisters and those who appreciate our sisterhood to work with me as I strive for my goal."

DIANE PARIS (VA-NP-2460-65), Box 478, Oakton VA 22124
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

DEBBIE LYNNE OGLE (C VA-2095-64)
6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair complexion, very passable. Interested in computers, sci-fi fiction/fantasy, music (Renaissance, Moody Blues, etc.). "I have been in RLT for eighteen months now, and hope to have surgery by the end of 1992. Interested in meeting TV/TG/TS/GGs, especially in the West Central VA area."

SAMANTHA W. (VA-NP-3052-65)
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

TREVA MARIE WILSON (VA-P-3296-63), P O Box 23773, Alexandria VA 22304
TV with TS aspirations, 27, 5'11", 170, blonde, green eyes. Interested in all things feminine, shoes, wigs, high fashion clothes, and especially perfecting my feminine persona. "Open minded, caring individual, love to look and feel sexy. Seek to

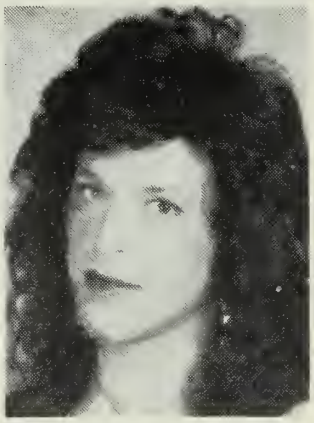
know and meet TV/TSs and women for mutual support and admiration. Photos please."

LINDA C. (VA-0703-66)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

TINA C. (VA-NP-3310-63)
CD, 40, 5'10", 185. Interested in dressing up to go out to do almost anything, shopping, going for a walk ... "Am 75% passable. Still working on it and learning. Love mini-skirts and high heels. Would like to meet people with similar interests, as well as non-CDs who can appreciate me."

LAINE R. (VA-NP-3559-63),
Box 1133, Springfield VA 22151
"What I may lack in passing, I make up for with my love of dressing. Into sexy short skirts, lingerie, and heels. Enjoy the erotic, as well as exploring my feminine side with CDs, women, and couples. Bi. Hope to venture out in public soon. Enjoy mountain/beach getaways. Unsupportive wife. Late 30's, 5'11", 170, professional, creative. Seek similar for times together or photo swap/correspondence."

PATRICA D. (VA-3448-63)
Member of Delta Chi. 5'7", blue eyes, brown hair, 48. Interested in jazz, camping, traveling the world, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. Since I wanted to wear feminine things, my mother wanted another girl. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."



JESSICA WARREN (VA-NP-3673-64), 2101 Crystal Plaza Arcade #162, Arlington VA 22202
Member of TCNE, DCEA. Attended TCNE First Event and P'town Outing. SWM, 31, 6', hetero CD. Interested in reading, bicycling, stained glass, skating, developing my feminine side. "I try to present a passable classy image. Want to meet local sisters and genetic women for sincere pen pals. Photo appreciated."

MIKKI LYNNE D. (VA-NP-3792-64)
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, nonsmoker. Interested in fitness, health, fashion, beauty, sunrise, fog, autumn leaves, rain, star-filled skies, brandy, chocolate, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

STEPHANIE A. BROOKS (VA-3901-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Mathematician, systems engineer, TV. Interested in math, physics, philosophy, politics, literature, backgammon, sailing, Star Trek-ing, "The Prisoner," guns, hard rock, jazz, auto racing. "To live one's life happy and without need for regret is to live a good life."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV-0640-64) ,P.M. Wentworth, Box 687, Berkeley Springs WV 25411
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

KAYE LIGHTNER (WV-P-2435-66)
Member TWV. Attended Be All '90, '91, Paradise in the Poconos '91. Married CD with understanding spouse. "My coming out has been a real growth experience - for both of us. Interested in sewing, cartooning, gardening, cats. Degree in Psychology in progress. Avid correspondent. Free to travel to OH, KN, and VA. Would like to try daylight outings in straight settings. Will answer all promptly."

TABETHA ANN TAMBOR (WV-NP-2453-63), c/o Trans-WV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322
Member of Trans-WV. Young, soft, cuddly heterosexual human being. Interested in painting, clowning, drawing, flowers and fun. "I've written the letters, dreamed the dreams, and now I want to live them out. If you're young, female, and girlish, drop me a line and we will see if we can get along! Will try to answer all women, no men."

DEE H. (WV-2329-65) ,D. D. Hensell, P O Box 422, Ridgeley WV 26753
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

RENEE LYNN H. (S WV-NP-2604-63), P O Box 9372, Huntington WV 25704-9372
Member Crossport, TransWV. MWM, 47. "Married to a very supportive and understanding wife. Interested in corresponding with other sisters, shopping, dressing, and just being feminine. Been CD since early childhood. Haven't been out dressed except for TransWV meeting. Some day I would like to be able to go out in public dressed. Will write to all."

DEBBIE LUCAS (WV-3393-63)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. Have an understanding wife who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

ALICE JACKSON (WV-3876-65), Rte 1 Box 599, Lesage WV 25537
5'10", 160, 14. Interested in impersonation shows, photography, living my life as a woman. "I'm a young-appearing 59-year-old, slim and attractive. Have been dressing and passing for 35 years. Wife and teenage daughter fully supportive. Will answer all who write. Love to travel and visit. Will entertain those who wish to visit me."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

SUSAN WILLIAMS (NC-NP-2363-65)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. Have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

CATHERINE B.(NC-P-2480-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, '92. MWM, 5'9", 142. "Having a great time coming out the past two years after occasionally dressing for the past twenty. Love to shop, dine out, etc. Will correspond as work and family constraints allow."

JENNIFER GOODNIGHT (NC-NP-3640-64), P O Box 2045, Statesville NC 28687
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

DEBBIE N. (NC-NP-3497-63)
Intersexual, 5'10", 170, 37, sober, vegetarian. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "Desire to make warm and intelligent friendships in the gender community. Photo with letter would be nice."

TABITHA VALKYRIE (NC-P-2616-63), P O Box 14328, Raleigh NC 27620-4328
5'6", 140. "I celebrated my new birthday July 23, 1991. I'm female, Yeah! Would like to hear from people with a sense of humor who enjoy being alive, KNOW WHO THEY ARE or are at least trying to find out. All MEN are especially encouraged to reply."

ANNE MARIE HARTMAN (NC-3066-65)
SWM, 49, 5'9", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in sailing, golf, music, dancing. "Lifelong CD, passable at times. Would like to meet new CD/TS friends and especially understanding GGs for long term relationship. I respond to all correspondence immediately."

LYNN BISHOP (NC-P-2414-64)
Tall (6'), Slim (145), blue-eyes, blonde hair. Interested in reading, writing (poetry), music, jogging, yoga, sports (golf, basketball, baseball), conversation, and the arts. "For me, learning to love and accept myself has not been easy, quick, or simple. I'm getting there, though. The truism is true: how I feel about myself determines how I feel about other people."

DONNA PARRISH (NC-NP-3903-66)
Member NCEA. 5'10", 160, brown hair. "Love crossdressing. I crossdress every spare minute I have. Want to meet other CDs, hetero and bi. I love dressing up and going out. Send photo if possible. Seeking companion."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- 299-)

BOBBI RENEE LONG (SC-NP-2149-65)
Member Kappa Beta. MWM, 57, 5'8". "I spend most of my CD time in public. I love dancing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and makeup. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."

STAN II. (NC-3929-65)
Good looking, 27, 149, athletic. "Looking for passable TV or TS for a loving and lasting relationship/marriage. Financially secure. Can relocate if you can't. Photo would be appreciated."

KATIE MARIE JOHNSON (SC-P-3326-66)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 162, 43. Interested in talk radio, CD, walking, shopping, collecting miniature cars. "Been CD since childhood. Love dressing up. Wife extremely supportive, we love going shopping together. Want to correspond with others, couples who are dealing with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. Like to find or start a club in SC. Please write."

GAYNA A. (SC-NP-3639-64)
Married TV, 45, 5'8", brown eyes, auburn hair when dressed. Passable, but don't go out because of position. Deep in closet because wife doesn't know. "Am seeking TV girlfriends to dress, have fun with, particularly in the Charleston, SC area, but will answer all. Interested in liberal politics, twelve-step recovery, cooking, military history, computers and fashion. Been dressing since age 8. Love it all."

SHERRY LYNN CAPPS (SC-P-3338-63), P O Box 3406, Rock Hill SC 29732-5406
Member Kappa Beta Tri-Ess. 21, 6', 195, long honey blonde hair, blue eyes, passable. Interested in libertarian/conservative politics, history, shooting, shopping, reading/writing. "Eclectic, independent college student seeking to share the joys of womanhood. Want to hear from all. Can host traveling sisters. Looks, location unimportant. All letters answered promptly."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

DIANNE KENDALL (GA-NP-P-1298-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Participant Fantasia Fair, Be All, T-Party, Southern Comfort. Columnist for British publication REPARTEE. "Real clothes horse with extensive wardrobe. Eat in fine restaurants several times a week. Want to hear from those who were dressed by female relatives or friends when young. Could use your material in one of my 'Pampered in Panties' columns. Your anonymity would be protected."

STEPHANIE F. (GA-3397-63)
TS in early 20's, very discreet, great sense of humor. Interested in screen writing, literature, watching movies, music (my ultimate passion), and fashion. "I would like to correspond with both pre-op and post-op TSs about all aspects of transition and our community."

LORI DEE HARMON (GA-NP-3105-65) ,L. Harmon, P O Box 674631, Marietta GA 30067
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with make-up and wig. Ready to work with my sisters to develop a passing image."

FRANCES D. (GA-P-2952-65)
6', 200, 45, BiWM. "My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies & making friends. I enjoy everything feminine."

RACHEL W. (GA-P-3251-63)
MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

JOANNA MONIT (NW GA-P-2722-64), P O Box 490983, Atlanta GA 30349
39, 6', 147, blond hair, blue eyes, TV, married. Busy professional just now making the time to pursue my feminine side. Life-long TV. Almost passable. Interests include the outdoors, photography stills or video, music, travel, and people. "Want to meet new friends, GGs, TVs, TSs for correspondence, photo exchange, and personal/social relationships. Travel."

JENNIFER A. LAVERY (GA-P-3215-66), P O Box 870316, Stone Mountain GA 30087
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. MWM, 42, 5'8", 150. Hetero, passable, educated, professional CD. "Enjoy historical novels, minor league baseball, my children, home decorating, golf, and shopping. A caring, sincere person, and a true friend, willing to give as well as receive. Avid conversationalist and a faithful correspondent. Wife knows, but is totally intolerant." floridly

KEVIN (GA-3446-64), P O Box 1925, Atlanta GA 30301-1925
"Have you looked through these ads too, and not found anyone you really wanted to write to? Does it seem like some areas of expression are missing? Playful, non-linear (non-dressing?) crossdresser would like to hear from you, then."

TERRI FELTMAN (GA-3946-65)
SW hetero CD, 5'7", 165, 39, brown hair and eyes. "Love to collect antiques, like country and soft rock music, movies. Enjoy shopping and going out. Very passable."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

JENNIFER REECE (FL-P-0739-63)
SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

PETRA D. (FL-P-1314-65), P O Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Mid-30's, married to supportive wife with two children. "Edit the Dixie Belle, active on Tri-Ess BBS, occasionally on Genderline. Travel to Atlanta for Sigma Epsilon meetings, but would like to meet others in FL & S. GA. Interests include photography, computers, soccer, and exploring the concept of androgyny."

CATHY. (FL-1393-65)
MWM, hetero, TV, 41, 6'1", 170. "Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others.

ROSALIND HART (FL-0768-65)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested

in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Frequent visitor to malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

VANESSA B. (C FL-P-1396-65), E.B., P O Box 1076, Venice FL 34284-1076
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

SAMIE DIANNE B. (SW FL-P-1793-63)
Widower, 63, 5'8", 160. "I cross-dress whenever possible, & wear lingerie all the time. I have been a closet cross-dresser for 30 years with 2 wives and several women friends. I wore the dresses and they wore the slacks. Now I want out of the closet."

CYNTHIA SILVA (FL-P-1848-64), Box 18884, Tampa FL 33679-8884
Member Tri-Ess. SWM, hetero CD, 60's, 5'9", 200. Interested in working with my computer and amateur radio, VHF mobile, dressing whenever possible. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CDs, TVs, and understanding GGs for femme talk, improving my femme personality and appearance, and having photo sessions."

CLAUDIA K. (FL-1833-63)
Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE (FL-P-1934-64)
Member of Central Florida Sisters. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

JEANNIE B. (FL-P-2665-64)
Bi, mid 40's, 145, fair hair, blue eyes, no body hair, 5'7", 12/14. Interested in sun, sand, ocean, videos, cooking. "Florida: mid-Atlantic coast, seems like none of you girls are in my area. Would like to meet TV/TSs for get togethers, photo exchange. Dressing since age ten. Need help from other sisters. Goal to live the rest of my life as a woman. Please write."

JACQUELYN NOWLING (FL-2063-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

ANNA BLAKE (FL-2418-63)
MWM. 39, TG/TS, wife knows and accepts. Interested in walking; hiking; camping in woods, mountains, and seashore; folk dancing; reading; music; science. "Am blossoning after a lifetime of privacy through sisters in support group and on BBS AOL. Like to contact other TG/TSs to share experiences, tips, and support."

JOANNE SHANNON (FL-2690-64), P O Box 89, Middleburg FL 32050-0089
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with and meet sisters in NE FL. Need support and understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

JEAN RICH (FL-NP-2824-63), P O Box 970645, Miami FL 33187
Member of Serenity. Miss Congeniality, Fla. Gold Coast '89. On panel at Barrey University. Divorced, hetero, 49, 5'9", 155. Interested in disco dancing, biking, outdoor photography, shopping, stock market, travel, movies, meeting TV/TSs. "Advenced CD, outgoing, love GG. Non-smoker, enjoy physical fitness. Very social. Sometimes I do shows for charity events. Passable. Will answer those who send pictures."

JOAN M. (FL-2821-64)
TV, 66, 5'4", single. Interested in drawing, painting, all the arts. "I am a life-long crossdresser. I like to correspond and meet other TVs or TSs in southwest FL for friendship and support."

JODY N. (FL-P-2968-64)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, CD, 5'6", 130, thirty-something. TS inclinations. Interested in total feminization, reading, golf, and physical fitness. "Seeking correspondence and possible get togethers with understanding, attractive females, couples, TSs, and CDs in PSL area. Photo please if possible."

CATHY R. (FL-P-3007-65)
C. R., Box 604, Apopka FL 32704
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

SUSAN S. (FL-NP-3130-66), Ray Setzke, 1971 W. Lumsden, Suite 121, Brandon FL 33511
MWM, 5'10", 155, CD, totally hetero. Interested in writing, reading,

collecting TV fiction dealing with petticoat punishment. Wrote 250 page story dealing with sissification. As a boy I was crossdressed frequently. My story mimics my life. Answer all sincere letters. Include photo, exchange books, stories, etc."

JANESSA DELITE
(FL-P-3141-66), P O Box 970645, Miami FL 33197
Member Serenity, Hollywood, FL. 5'9", blue/green eyes, 150, TV/TS. Interested in shopping for clothes, going out to hot night spots. Meeting new friends. "Lifelong crossdresser and active member of the TV/TS community. Would like to be more involved in helping others, and in participating in national events."

BOBBI REED (FL-3171-66)
5'7", 130, slender build. Very real breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Always open to new information and ideas."

KATHY GAIL DRIAPER
(FL-P-3192-63)
Member AEGIS, Sigma Epsilon, Tallahassee, FL. Founder: Gender Information Network of Gainesville (GING). Small business owner, ex-communicated minister, 6'3", 175, androgynous pre-op TS on hormones, over fifty hours electrolysis. "Need voice therapy. Help! Love nylon lingerie, latex panties, Spandex outfits, nylon scarves. Friends say I am strange, and I am."

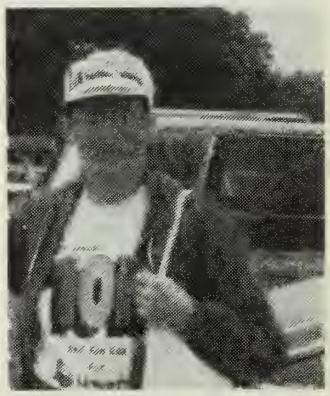
MICHELLE M. (FL-P-3328-63)
Member Central Florida Sisters. 35, 6'3", 195, married, hetero CD. Wife knows. Interested in golf, sports, model railroading. "Would like to meet with other sisters, 'ladies' and couples in Ft. Myers area."

DENISE P. (FL-P-3334-63)
MWM, hetero, 5'8", 16/18. Hetero. "Very supportive spouse. Close to passable. Have made guarded public ventures. My wife and I have long accepted my dual personalities. Interested in classic rock and roll, computers, motor sports, and being Denise. "Would enjoy corresponding with other sincere and discreet couples. Will answer all. Listed in Prodigy, or in Tapestry

JANICE H. (FL-3588-63)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", blue eyes, blonde, 160, 13/14-15/16. Interested in CD, shopping, boating, skiing, sailing, water skiing, golf, tennis, cars, sun bathing. "Have been crossdressing since age 3 and love it. Also love to read about it."

TRISH G. (FL-3636-64)
5'10", 180, brown hair and eyes, 51, TV since 14, hairless. Interested in military history, things psychic, cats, intense people. "Love to meet some sisters from anywhere. Very much interested in effeminate homosexualism, nude sunbathing, conversation with and meeting someone of like mindset. Welcome visitors to South FL who love lingerie."

KATHY H. (FL-NP-3465-63)
MWM, bi-TV, non-supportive wife. "Seeking an understanding woman, feminine TV, or sexy TS for fun and friendship. Tender, loving person who adores feminine things. Enjoy reading, sailing, and computers. Inexperienced, but eager to learn. Travel extensively. Send photo."



RAY HUNT (FL-P-3499-64)
5'6", 150, fit, muscular, a little overweight. F-M CD, would-be TS. Interested in ultra marathon running, cycling, reading, TV - talk shows, drawing, hiking, bird watching, gems/crystals, religion/philosophy. "Dress full time. Am androgynous in manners, actions. Would be on hormones & surgery, but can't afford it. Seek friendship and life companion. Love to talk & swap stories."

LINDSAY DUVAL
(FL-3879-66)
TV, 37, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in natural history, specialist in marine fishes, collecting feathers, and wandering on the beach. "Recently out of the closet. Accepting myself for what and who I am. I enjoy dressing when possible, and would love to hear from you. All letters answered."

ANNE B. (FL-3799-65)
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

JULIE B. (FL-NP-3881-65)
5'7", blue eyes, blonde hair, 43 years young, M-FTS. Interested in singing jazz, blues and contemporary Christian music, model railroading, real people, and nature. "Non-smoker. I'm very into singing and recording, and have done so professionally. I enjoy good conversation, long walks, and neat people to share with. Would love to hear from TV/TS/GGs."

ROBIN GENTRY (FL-NP-39120-65), Box 410271, Melbourne FL 32941-0271
SWM, 6'5", 185, hetero, CD, late 30's, blonde/green. CD since age 12. Interested in politics, civil liberties, model railroading, sports, photography, nature, philosophy. "Like many TVs, I'm still trying to find that special genetic female who can accept other self. Love to hear from other TV/TSs (no gay men, please). Have been out dressed at night, however, my height hinders this practice. Photo/phone please."

NORMA ALLISON
(FL-3794-65), N. Corson, Box 806, Land O Lakes FL 34639-0806
Member Tri-Ess. 50, 5'8", 190 and losing. Inexperienced, eager to learn.

Non-supportive wife. Enjoy meeting new friends in Tampa area to have fun dressing together. Would really love to meet sister who would share home for CD sessions & shopping together.Will answer all.Photo helpful."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG (AL-1478-65), P.O. Box 530431, Birmingham AL 35253
Member Tri-Ess. "Interested in crossdressing and corresponding with others. Still in the closet."

MARY JANE WALKER (N AL-P-2105-64)
Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer all."

MICHELLE STEADMAN (N AL-P-2547-66), P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802
Member Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to either or both of us."

RENEE PHILLIPS (AL-2535-66), P O Box 241092, Montgomery AL 36124-1092
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

PAULA R. (AL-P-2820-64), P O Box 020623, Tuscaloosa AL 35402
Member of Tri-Ess Sigma Epsilon, MMPI. Attended Southern Comfort. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TV-TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

STEPHANIE MARIE (AL-P-3516-64), P O Box 127, 3932-C Airport Blvd., Mobile AL 36608
Member ASA. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Bi-TS, 23, 5'6", black hair, brown eyes. Attractive, very passable, fun-loving girl. Interested in travel, movies, nature, exciting night life, and clubs. "Would love to meet other attractive TSs and especially bi/gay women. Couples also write! Love to relocate. Photo/SASE please."

CELESTE RICHARDS (AL-3197-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I lea
rned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

JENNIFER EVANS (AL-3783-64), P O Box 14352, Huntsville AL 35815-0352
Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

LISA P. (AL-3834-65)
SWM, bi-TV, 30, 5'10", 150. "Interested in meeting TV/TS/GGs who can help me become more feminine. Into fulfilling fantasies and sharing quiet romantic evenings. Can travel to TN, GA."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

TAMMI MCINTYRE (E TN-P-1732-63)
Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

RUBBER RACHEL (TN-1640-66) , R. R., P O Box 210362, Nashville TN 37221-0362
Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV. "I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TVs interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

ROBYN K. (E TN-P-2744-64)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 44, 5'8", 136, passable; professional, with advanced college degree; involved in counselling. Go shopping en femme. Hobbies include singing, guitar playing, reading, fishing, and baseball card collecting. "Would like to correspond with CD/TSs as well as genetic females for tips on improving one's feminine image. I will try to answer all letters."

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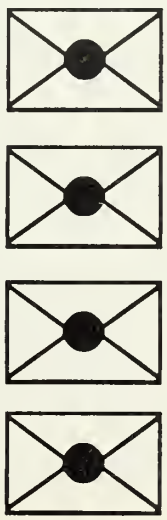


RITA HEFELFINGER
(TN-P-2860-64), P.O. Box 732, Hermitage TN 37076-0732
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

REBECCA ALLISON
(MS-P-3237-63)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 45, hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 14. Interested in travel and reading. "I love being Rebecca when possible, but family and professional restraints make cross-dressing very limited. No personal meetings at this time, but I will try to answer all. "

WENDI F. YARBROUGH
(MS-3423-63)
SWM, 6'2", 200, greying blond, blue eyes. 48, pre-op TS. Interested in carpentry, truck mechanics, catalogs, obtaining hormones, learning to dress and apply makeup, having electrolysis as often as I can afford it. "Here in South Mississippi it's hard to find the proper counseling and medical assistance for pre-op TSs and TVs. There are no groups to help one get out of the closet."

SISSY S. (MS-NP-3443-63)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 36, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

TIFFANY LYNN FOX
(MS-NP-3858-66)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

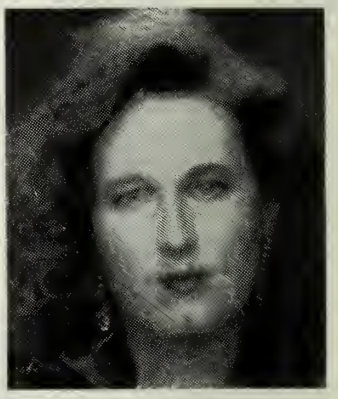
KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

SARAH ANN O'NEILL
(KY-NP-2916-64)
S, M-F TS, 5'7", 145, 32, seeking hormones. Interested in gardening, music, theatre, reading, sports cars and men, clothes, shopping. "Would like to hear from TV/TSs in IN, KY, WV areas. Travel throughout Southeast. Would like to hear from men interested in TSs."

LAURA RENEE PIERCE
(KY-P-2843-64)
Member Cross-Port. Participant Be All '91. Pre-op TS, 44, 5'6", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in computers, cooking, fashion, photography, learning more about make-up, hairstyling, dancing, and being a lady. "Living full time as a woman. After many years, goals are being reached, feel good about who I am. Love to meet new friends to lend support. Will do my best to answer all."

S'IIER LEBONNE
(KY-P-3519-64)
5'9", 160, 10/12, nicely proportioned, computer programmer, married with non-supporting wife. Interested in fashion and beauty tips, modeling, music, stage. "Help! New lady (four years in closet) in Tiny Town, USA needs supportive sisters. Lonely and near desparate. Would love to hear from successful transitions to give me ideas on how to escape this oppression. Try to answer all!"

LINDA BUTEN (KY-P-2001-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, understand self and others well. Wife & children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating well-mannered gentlemen who will treat a lady to the finer things in life."



PATRICIA HALL
(KY-NP-2035-65)
Member IXE, Louisville Gender Society. "Hello! I am a person who is exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk dance, vegetarian cooking, peacekeeping, and feminist spirituality. I enjoy meeting with visitors to Louisville."

OHIO (434- 457-)

KIMBERLY S. GRAYCHECK
(SW OH-1628-66), P O Box 751632, Dayton OH 45475
"Thirty-four-year-old crossdresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. Hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will try to answer all who write."

MARY R. (OH-1731-65)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in

fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

MICHELLE RICHARDS (S OH-P-0954-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

CATHERINE L. ANDREWS (OH-P-1770-63)
Member Transpitt. Participant Be All, Lambda Ball. MWM CD, 5'7", 170, 45. "As a lifelong CD I have accepted myself for who I am. I enjoy meeting new people and corresponding. Deeply committed to the IFGE. I enjoy outreach programs and working for the good of our entire community."

JENNY W. (NE OH-2714-64), 23146 Lorain #171, Cleveland OH 44070

6', 175, hazel eyes, brown hair. Interested in UFOs, hair fetishes, spirituality, uniting male/female soul through meditation. "Bi-TV seeking women and men for correspondence, meeting. Fetish for long hair. Love fall, art films, and the love of an understanding friend. Does anyone wish to join me?"

SUSAN M. (N OH-P-2053-64)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. "Enjoy fishing, camping, old movies, and helping youngsters in Little League Baseball. Dress 2-3 times a week, still in closet. Want to correspond with hetero CDs in the Huron-Erie County area. If you are still in closet, and frustrated, Sue would make a great girlfriend. Discretion expected."

LAURA WHITE (NE OH-NP-2406-64)
Member Paradise. Tall, leggy TV who loves the total feminine look. Enjoy aerobics, dancing, travel and reading. "I am interested in meeting males, females, couples or other TVs in the western Cleveland area. Am attractive, successful professional who is just getting to know myself and understand my inner femininity."

MARJORIE MILLER (NE OH-2719-64), P.O. Box 44006 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

MARJORIE MILLER (OH-P-2710-64)
Member of Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 170, 47. Interested in photography, working on cars. "I answer all letters received. Picture for picture. Meeting is a possibility. Been crossdressing since a child. Go out dressed occasionally driving around in my car."

CATHERINE MICHALEK (OH-2877-64)
"I love shopping for my wardrobe. I have a collection of books and magazines on crossdressing. I hate male clothes and don't own any. I have dressed since childhood as female. I am a full-time TV. I enjoy corresponding with TVs, and will answer all. Please send pictures."

JOYCE S. (SW OH-P-2925-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Cross-Port. SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young. Interested in reading, music, gardening, traveling. "Go out dressed about once a week--to movies, concerts, and shopping. Want to meet other CD/TSs to share activities and gain help in being more feminine. Will answer all letters."

JENNY R. (OH-3118-66)
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with other CD/TV/GGs for long talks and improving my femme side."

BRENDA ROBSON (SW OH-P-3154-65)
MWM, hetero TV, 45,190, 5'11". Hooked on nylon, silk, and lace, but need total look. "Unknowing spouse limits opportunities to dress. Feel womanly inside. Been out twice, but afraid to do it again. Love to correspond with warm, sensitive, and sincere TVs. Please include photo."

JOAN B. (OH-NP-3224-66)
Attended Spouthern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in ghosts, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

THERESA R. (OH-3244-63), T. Rice, P O Box 9844, Brook Park OH 44142-9844
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 39, TV, 6'6", 265, black hair, brown eyes. Interested in reading, nature, camping, golf, sports, traveling by car in the countryside. "Been dressing for fifteen years. Still in closet. Afraid to venture out. Like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women. Have found peace and happiness with myself and now wish to share this with others. Will reply to all."

DEBBIE C. (OH-P-3286-63)
Member Cross-Port. Hetero, TV, 5'9", 165, 32, light brown hair, green eyes. Interested in bicycling, golf, movies, billiards, motorcycling, and sports cars. "Looking for a genetic woman who likes a man with a softer side for a possible long-term relationship. Wish to hear from and meet other TV/TSs in the Cincinnati area. Somebody please help me with my hair and makeup."

WENDY A. (OH-NP-3361-66),
W. N. A., P O Box 845,
Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0845
Sincere, 5'10", 175, 29, professional. Interested in computers, photography, and making new friends. "Would like to meet others with similar interests to discuss personal experiences, techniques, motivation, and feelings for support."

CINDY TRAUM
(OH-NP-3589-67)
Member Crystal Club. Hetero, CD, 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, 40's, German/American, college education, Vietnam Veteran, professional. "Lifelong CD. Enjoy going places en femme. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, classical music, oldies music, theater and traveling. Usually express the career-woman look. Love sexy lingerie and evening gowns."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(OH-NP-3386-66), Box 218, Huron OH 44839
New to this wonderful world of crossdressing, and am looking to make new friends. I may be bi, don't know, but I know how strong my feelings are when dressed. Enclose picture when you write me. My response will be quick. Love to all!"

JENNI FREE (OH-3684-65)
DWM, 5'7", CD, 9/10, hetero, mid-thirties. "My interests are many, mostly looking for supportive GG and/or sisters who are mobile or live in central Ohio. Been told I'm passable, but had no one to give me true support and courage. Petite pre- or post-op welcome to write. Please send photo. Maybe we can help each other."

WILLOW M. (OH-3690-64)
BMM, CD/pre-op TS, 6', 280, 38. Interested in reading, camping, shopping, contacting other pagans. "Am just beginning to express my true nature and move towards full womanhood. Would like to hear from all sisters who are on the road. Willing to write to all and help sisters out of the closet. Together we can make a difference in our world. Wll answer all who write."

ROXANNE L. (OH-3755-65)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

JOYCE H. (OH-NP-3802-65)
Member Crystal Club. 45, 5'10", 145, MW hetero CD. Interested in all sports, fitness, brain teasers, fashion shopping en femme. "Crossdressing since early childhood, only recently joined Crystal Club. Enjoy total feminine look, being photographed. Wife somewhat supportive. Love dressing up and going out. Look forward to meeting others. Will reply to all."

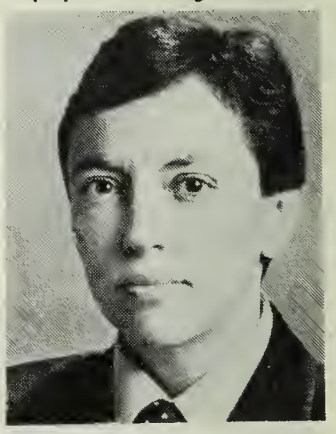
ELLEN OHMAD
(OH-NP-3887-65), P O Box 30532, Cleveland OH 44130
Member of Paradise Club. MWM CD. Interested in drawing, music, sports, dressing. "Very caring, sensitive CD is looking for someone to share feminine interests. 5'6", 130, 63. I like art, music, sports, and most of all wearing the most feminine clothes, 10/12. Still need help in makeup. Just slightly of the closet."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OH-3955-65)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

KAREN M. (C IN-0807-64)
Member IXE. 6', 160, professional, college degree. Interests include reading, sports. "Trying to integrate Karen into a very busy life. Looking for friends in the community for support. I'm especially interested in meeting more women accepting of my qualities and quirks."

YVONNE COOK-RILEY (IN-P-1009-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues.



DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-1802-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Staff. Female CD, 40. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

VANESSA W. (IN-NP-1166-65)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed,

Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my fenneself. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."

VERONICA S. (IN-1712-66), Ronny Schroeder, P O Box 1432, LaPorte IN 46350
43, 5'7", 160, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in being female, model RR, old cars, nature, romance, shopping, quiet time. "Looking for sisters to get together with for female fun, and men to date. Am married. Wife and I will double date two men who will treat us nice. Lifelong CD, pass OK, go out often."

DEBORAH ANNE K. (IN-NP-2011-65) ,A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke IN 46783
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '91, '92. MWM, TV, 51, 5'9". Interested in gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, love to help in background on projects. Rather bashful, but like to meet others. Will try to answer all correspondence."

VICKIE MANSFIELD (C IN-P-2647-64), P.O. Box 29408, Indianapolis IN 46229-0408
Member IXE. Post-op. Works as realtor. Active with Catholic Church, Dignity, and MSIA. "I have a supportive and caring partner, and will answer letters, especially about TS transition."

JAMIE STONE (IN-P-2789-64)
Member IXE, Cross Port, IFGE. 6', 150, 40, brown hair and eyes, TV with TS desires. Interested in photography, biking, reading, music, dressing, good food and conversation, and romantic movies. "Looking forward to meeting and corresponding with other TV/TSs."

RONNY S. (IN-P-3349-64) ,
R. Schroeder, P O Box 1432, La Porte IN 46350
42, 5'7", 160, brown hair, blue/grey eyes. "Love cooking, cleaning, sewing, shopping, yard sales, second-hand stores, walking, talking, holding hands. Hugs and kisses. Am not pretty, but I love to be a woman and be treated as one. Wear all kinds of clothes from evening gowns to bathing suits, and everything in between. Seeking friends. Any reply welcome."

BARBARA E. BERTRAND (IN-2324-65), B. E. Bertrand, P.O. Box 728, New Albany IN 47151-0728
Member Cross-port, CGS, Louisville Gender Society. Attended '91 Be-All, '92 Southern Comfort. TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Would like to correspond and meet with local TS/TVs. Enjoy BBSing, sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archaeology and history of ancient civilizations."

ANNIE J. (IN-3400-63)
Attended Be All '90 and '91. 5'11", 170-80, light brown hair. "I am interested in feminism, myth, and culture, which means that I am interested in everything. Have been living full-time except for work and certain family obligations for about six months and loving it. Started attending a local Unitarian Fellowship in January and am actively moving out into social activities."

ELEANOR REED (IN-P-3530-63)
Member the Hollywood Group. Post-op TS, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, good figure, always pass. Interested in fine art, theater, fine dining, cozy evenings home, and travel. "Live and work full time, and have for many years. Professional nurse. Seek easy going man to enjoy personal time with. Also like to write to TS sisters."

TEDDY K. (IN-3805-65)
Member of CIGA, Tri-Ess. Post-50's MWM hetero CD. Interested in writing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with ambitions to expand the new self. Understanding wife. Eager to learn from the experiences of others."

LISA N. (IN-NP-3932-66)
5'9", 180, blonde, very blue eyes, medium build. Interested in SCUBA, cars, and all that is feminine. 37 year old novice. "I enjoy writing to sisters and would love to meet a sister for support, friendship and learning from her. I have a lot to learn, and need a tutor. Would love photo session."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PHAR (MI-P-0976-63), P.O. Box 196, Garden City MI 48135
Member Crossroads. Participant: 9 Be Alls. Past President and newsletter editor of Crossroads. Married TV. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, travel, occasionally go out as Milesa. "Have lectured at colleges about TVism. Was past coordinator of Be All Convention. Phone line outreach at Crossroads. Produced audio tapes for wife and TV understanding."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SEMI-NP-1165-64) Jennifer N., P O Box 431726, Pontiac MI 48343
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

BOBBI JAMES (MI-1639-63)
R. James, P O Box 251, Warren MI 48090-0251
40, MWM, hetero, 6'4", 250. Interested in travel, shopping. "I travel Michigan, Ontario, W. New York, Indiana, and would like to meet and socialize with other girls like myself. Don't pass, but still enjoy my feminine side. Am on hormones, but do not think I will

pursue surgery. Have an understanding wife who supports my needs. Would enjoy hearing from and meeting people in my travel territory."

MARCIA ANN T. (E MI-P-1871-63)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended 1991 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165, 60's. "Tri-city area, very experienced, having shopped and dined in public for over 25 years. Love to share experiences with other sisters. Love to correspond, and promise prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

ROBERT K. (SE MI-2002-64)
Single male, 5'8", 170, 28, educated. "I would like to correspond/meet an ultra-feminine, pre- or post-op TS. I appreciate a creative mind as much as an attractive face and figure. Enjoy travel, tennis, skiing, movies, fine food, and stimulating conversation."

DENISE BEACH (C MI-P-2483-63)
Pre-op TS, 165, blond hair, blue eyes, 43, single. Enjoys movies, shopping, warm conversation, and helping others. "Am on hormones, had legal name change February '91. I have overcome many obstacles and would be happy to help others who seek advice."

RANDI N. (SE MI-2581-63), P.O. Box 46100, Mt. Clemens MI 48046
Member Crossroads. 5'9", 170, brown hair/eyes. Interested in movies, football, being as feminine as possible. MWM, Bi. "Have been cross-dressing for years. Will be out of the closet next spring when I separate from the military. Expect to start hormones then. Want to correspond with others in Michigan."

MARSHA K. (SE MI-NP-2719-64)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

P. J. OTTENS (MI-2745-63), P.O. Box 27514, Lansing MI 48909
Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Also seek employment in the SWest: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

CINDY F. DINSER (MI-3010-65), P O Box 651, Whitmore Lake MI 48189
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

MARISSA C. (MI-3346-64)
Member of Crossroads. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme, Texas T Party. Single, Asian, hetero TV, 5'9", 120, size 5. Interested in computers, shopping, very passable. "Want to correspond with other TVs and women for intelligent conversation as well as girlish chatter. Only friendship, otherwise I 'vant' to be alone."

JUDITH ASHBY (MI-3079-65)
Member of IME. Single TV with TS tendencies, passes well, 5'6". Interested in shopping for women's clothes, reading, feminine conversation, travel. "I would like to meet or correspond with anyone, male or female, who likes wearing women's clothes, or who would like to try it. Am experienced and could help those just starting, or those coming out of the closet. That's not a fun place to be."

M. STEPHANIE WELLS (MI-NP-3377-66), P O Box 32-368, Detroit MI 48232
5'9", early 40's, TG and very open minded, but perhaps too introspective. Interested in photography, books, computers, high-tech gadgets. "Formerly very outgoing, but now just stumbling along. Hope to make a few friends, hear some different viewpoints, and regain my perspective. Travel through OH, PA, and Washington, D.C. Please write."

JARA II. (MI-NP-3406-63)
SWM, 37, 160, hetero TV with TS tendencies. Real estate investor. Lifelong TV. Interested in lingerie, lace, stockings, heels, silks, skirts, pretty dresses, sports, music, animals. "Would like to meet with other TV/TSs for friendship, etc. Need assistance and assurance from others to help me pass in public. Looking for back issues of Tapestry."

DIANE C. (MI-NP-3740-65)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professionally employed. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to finally allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality to match. Seek friendship and correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

LAUREN B. CASSANDRA (MI-NP-3849-65)
Fun-loving romantic, bi-SW TS, 28, never married, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional degreed interior designer. "Adore shopping, travel, classical music, opera, intimate evenings, and being a woman. Have accepted myself and the long road to SRS. Hoping to correspond and meet with pre- and post-op's to share experiences and concerns. Send potos. Seek long term relationship."

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER (IA-2091-64)
D.R., P.O. Box 334, Ankeny IA 50021
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

NICOLE LEAHY
(IA-NP-3897-66)
6'2", 155, age 22, M-F pre-op TS, brown hair, grey-green eyes. Interested in science, especially mathematical population genetics, music, theater, outdoor recreation, languages, correspondence. "Seeking hormones. Would like to correspond with pre- and post-op TSs for friendship and advice, understanding of what lies ahead. Would especially like to write professionals in the sciences."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

JANET LYNN H. (WI-P-2141-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. SWM, 35, professional person. "Am into photography and travel. Love to shop for anything feminine and dressing up. Have been a CD for as long as I can remember. Love to hear from all . Am trying hard to improve my femme side."

PAULA M. (W WI-2036-64)
Tri-Ess National, Chi chapter (Chicago). Participant Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest Weekend. MWM, CD, 76, 5'5", 160. Retired professor. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all the visual and performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, creative writing, astronomy. "Blessed with happy marriage of fifty years to fully accepting, wonderfully supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

KATHY KLINE
(WI-P-2234-65)
42, single male. "I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

CATHY K. (WI-2898-63)
47, 6'6", 18 ultra tall. Married to my very best friend. Interested in outdoor activities, visiting with friends. "My wife and I would like to expand our circle of friends in the gender community. We are also available to newcomers to the transgender community as we are very aware of the fact that there is no help available in North Central WI."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-NP-3263-66)
MWM, 47, 5'8", 240, disabled Vietnam Veteran. Interested in model railroading, anything feminine, equality education. "Beauty is in the mind and in the heart. Looking for sisters who can believe the same. Want to share femme ideas. Enjoy dressing. Seek friendships with CD/TS/GGs. Wish to hear from others in NE WI."

TANYA K. (WI-3275-66)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Travel and dress in hotel room, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic and elegant styles. Would like to hear from those with similar interests."

KINKI M. (WI-P-3445-63), P O Box 1124, Madison WI 53701-1124
37, Bi-CD. "Want to relocate to either coast and share an apt. with another TG or join a TG co-op. Sing and play harmonica. Would like to form a varied rock band centered on fun, liberal tunes, and skirts. Write if interested or if you want to share experiences, photos."

JAMI B. (WI-P-3456-63)
Member of Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. 6'3", 179, 39, MWM. "My work consumes much of my time, but when I am off, I love to read and to discuss ideas and life on into the night. I enjoy biking, camping, and swimming. I also enjoy vegging out with old movies. If I were rich I would travel - preferably by train - everywhere. I am a nurturing person and a devoted parent."

GINA CARR
(WI-3635-64), P O Box 23139, Milwaukee WI 53223
MWM, 6', size 20, hetero, with supportive spouse. "Enjoy shopping with wife for items, especially lingerie, and trying things on. Lifelong CD just now getting into total feminization. Would like to hear from like couples, or other CD/TVs. In the Madison area for future meetings. No pros, please."

BRENDA II. (WI-NP-3695-65)
Attended Holiday En Femme '91. MWM, early 40's, 5'9", 155. Interested in photography, fashion, traveling, current affairs, golf, computers, physical fitness, and gender community. "After suppressing CD desires for years, I'm coming back. Love dressing and going out. Enjoy theater, fine dining, non-rock nightclubs, and, of course, shopping malls. Tend to feminine professional style. Want to hear from similar CDs. Photo appreciated."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-NP-3698-65)
S, 30's, 5'9", 155. "Lifelong TV with occasional TS thoughts. Almost passable, but need a supportive push for public outings. Would like to meet sincere TV/TS or genetic females for sharing, feminine appearance improvement, and public outings. Interested in forming an Upper Great Lakes support group. Will answer all letters with a photo."

KIM GREEN (WI-3113-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

KARA S. (WI-3781-65)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in phi-

losophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. My first peak out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

ANA RICHARDSON (WI-NP-3938-65), P O Box 183, Neenah WI 54957-0183
Slender athletic redhead, 135, 5'7", size 6. Interested in skiing, acting, music, camping, ailing, clothes! Flowers, baseball, travel, parties. "Seek interested women, CD/TSs in NE WI. Sober, healthy, literate, single people. Professional writer - correspond with both of me!"

JAYNE D. (WI-3788-64)
5'9", 160, MWM CD. Interested in music, art, theater, photography, and travel. "Am new to the community and would enjoy hearing from all who would care to write."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

JENNIFER O. (MN-P-0570-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

REGINA S. (MN-0383-64)
White gender dysphoric, 5'8", 150, 43, celibate by choice and convictions. Interested in libertarian politics, history, Victoriana, reading, writing, and contemplative spirituality. "Law school graduate, but have many non-legal interests. I would just like to find a few sincere friends if any exist out there. Thanks."

VANESSA S. (MN-P-1168-64), Box 11771, St. Paul MN 55111-0771
5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes, 40's, 16, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psychology, theology, music, books, golf, femininity, and the gender community at large. "Love dressing and going out. Happily married to supportive wife. Working on degree in counseling. My wife and I are deeply committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and try to live accordingly. Cherish my femininity and found that I am much happier on allowing my femme self to emerge."

WENDY PETERSON (MN-NP-2193-65) W. Peterson, Box 617, Stillwater MN 55082
29, 5'10", 13/14 going to 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interested in high heels, dresses, garters, meeting others with like ideas, traveling, movies. "Been dressing most of my life, and find it very relaxing. Enjoy getting in touch with others who dress also. Would like to make some close friends in the Twin Cities and St. Croix Valley area."

KATHERINE H. (MN-1994-63)
Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

MIRA LaCOUS (SE MN-P-2818-63), P O Box 13659, St. Paul MN 55113
Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman . . . soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

DEBBIE DAVIS (MN-2396-63)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early 40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

MARY N. (MN-1740-63)
Member CLCC. Attended Be All, Fall Harvest Weekend, Spring Fling. MWM, 5'7", 155, blue eyed blonde. Enjoy travel, water skiing, shopping, and going to restaurants en femme. "Have been crossdressing for as long as I can remember. Have come to accept myself for who I am and enjoy it. Live in small west Central Minnesota town, but travel to the Twin Cities often."

DIANE KANE (MN-NP-3107-65), P O Box 16756, Duluth MN 55807
MWM, CD, 27, 5'10", slender, wife semi-supportive. "I enjoy creating a pretty and feminine appearance. I would enjoy corresponding with others, especially in N MN. Photo would be great! Let's get to know one another. We can never have enough friends."

MICHELLE P. (MN-P-3425-63)
MWM, tall, slender, with a very supportive wife. Interested in high heels, panties, garters, and nylons. "Would like to correspond with others in MN and elsewhere."

ELLEN D. (MN-NP-3923-65)
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16.

Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Would love to meet inderstanding woman or post-op TS for relationship. Will answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

MARYANN U. (MN-NP-3820-64)
Member CLCC. M-F TS, 48, 6'2", blue eyes, maturing blonde hair, considered passable. Interested in cooking, gardening, cruising on my boat, fishing, travel, meeting people, helping others deal with their issues. "Began hormones in April '91 when I began living full-time. Now have inner peace and personal serenity I never thought possible. Write that we might meet."

REBECCA ANNE JACKSON (MN-P-3526-63) R. Jackson, P O Box 189, East Grand Forks MN 56721
SW Bi-TV, 5'6", 35, 140. Interested in sports, R & R music, having fun. "Lonely in N MN. Love to correspond with TV/TS or understanding females. Clean, safe, and very understanding. Professional income and free to travel."

SOFRONIA ANNE S. (MN-3843-65), P O Box 8591, Mpls MN 55408
Member Tri-Ess. Lifetime All-American CD. Interested in forming a Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, we would like to hear from you and discuss our Tri-Ess chapter."

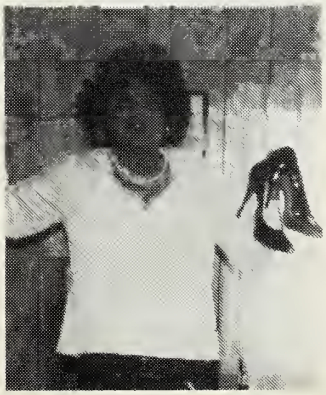
JUDY KASSE (MN-2743-64), P O Box 16143, St. Paul MN 55116
5'11", hetero, overweight. Interested in ham radio, photography. "Enjoy reading fantasy stories about he becoming she, transformation stories. Would like to exchange stories, books, etc. Still in closet. Wife and family do not know."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)

NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

MONTANA (590- 599-)

JERI (MT-NP-3808-64), Box 3194, Butte MT 59701
Member Tri-Ess, Empathy Press. Award: Queen of Fantasy Football. MWM, 54, 6'1", 200, blonde, green eyes. Raised as a girl by a dominant mother. Passable at times. Dress in evenings as a woman. "Would like to correspond with other CD/TVs. True and understanding friend. Must be discreet. Wife knows, but doesn't participate. Wish to pass totally. Living in small town has its limits."



COREENE A. (MT-P-3496-63)
"Hello to all who enjoy crossdressing. I've many items to send to newer ones who enjoy the things we do and need help, clothes, etc. Drop me a line for requests. Please write. Send me a photo or two and tell me your likes and dislikes, exchange ideas. Will answer all."

ANDREA O. (MT-3190-65), P O Box 6673, Great Falls MT 59406
Blue-eyed, brown-haired doll. Andrea loves walking, dancing, diving, shopping, makeovers, talking, and life. "Will graduate with BS in Computer Science 12/92. After that I want to become active in TV/TS events, and find a career as Andrea."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)

NAOMI O. (IL-P-0257-63), Box 342, Chicago IL 60690
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in Tapestry.

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL-P-0613-64) G. Wright, P O Box 172, Gurnee IL 60031
President of Chicago Gender Society, member of Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme, IFGE Convention, Be All. 5'3", 38 years young. Interested in writing, dancing, singing, jogging, karate. "I've been a terrible correspondent lately because of time constraints, but I'll attempt to write to those I can."

EVE B. (IL-NP-0523-63)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

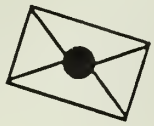
GERI WATERS (IL-P-1400-65)
Member and vice-president of St. Louis Gender Foundation, assistant representative to MAGGIE. Hazel eyes and natural long hair. Good-natured Leo. Enjoys art, writing, music, cars, home decorating, and good friends. "TS looking for sisters & friends to share thoughts and get-togethers. I dress full time as a female, and am happy as such. Spouse understands and is supportive. Remember, someone does care."

TERESA BEATRICE K. (IL-1969-64)
6'+, 40, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst. Interested in privacy in an automated age, ethics, chess, AD&D, science fiction, space development. "I am very much in the closet and am unlikely to come out anytime soon. There is a symbiotic relationship between the computer and myself. My hobbies tend towards the cerebral, and my crossdressing fantasies are mostly in my dreams."

MICHELE MAGUIRE (IL-NP-2125-68), P O Box 6002, Champaign IL 61826-6002
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

LINDA F. (IL-2977-65), Box 8751, Waukegan IL 60079
5'11", 165, MWM hetero CD. Interested in cooking, gardening classical music, community service, model railroading. "In closet due to job. Non-accepting wife. Seek correspondence and conversation with those in similar circumstances. Love being dressed when I can find the chance."In area support group ."

JENNIFER R. THEISS (IL-P-2994-65) Ingrid Holm
Awards: Miss Gay Mexico, Miss Gay Germany. 5'9", red hair, green eyes, brunette, pretty, slim, very feminine. Interested in dance, entertainment, impersonations, aerobics, yoga, museums, fashion shows, nightlife. "Lived as a woman since eighteen. Pre-op transsexual. Worked as a female impersonator, now as a makeup artist and translator. Like to meet guys from 18-40 in the Chicago area for friendship and possible relationship. Like to hear from all my sisters."



JACKIE V. (IL-P-3009-65), 506 RR Street, Box 321, Morris IL 60450
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together in Denver, and Be All in Cleveland. 50's, 6', 160, self-employed, energetic. Interested in antique cars, meeting other CDs. "Want to correspond with and meet with others in the TV community. Like to get to know genetic women who are supportive of the crossdressing life-style. Could lead to marriage. Am supportive of all life-styles,even though I'm straight."

PRISCILLA B. (IL-NP-3085-65)
Hetero, married CD. Wife is understanding and very supportive. I'm enjoying this lifestyle very much. Wishing to correspond and exchange pictures and ideas with other TVs, especially couples who are into crossdressing. Meeting possible with honest, sincere individuals. Interests include gowns, sexy party dresses, leather and lace. Design and make some of my own costumes. Please send photo for reply."

LAURA ELIZABETH F. (IL-3249-63)
Single, 44, 5'7", 155, educated, caring, sincere. Interested in spirituality, psychology, C G Jung, architecture, cooking, reading, clothes/jewelry/makeup. "Although I've crossdressed since childhood, only recently begun feeling comfortable as Laura, and have started investigating my femininity. Enjoying it enormously, and would like to hear from other sisters on paths of growth towards wholeness. Also seeking understanding gentleman for companionship."

MARGO ST. VINCENT (IL-P-3384-64)
Early 30's, 5'6", plus size, SWM. Interested in historical reenactments, Native American History, life, and much more! "Love spike heels, lipstick, long nails, stockings. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting nondominant GGs who could train me in feminine culture and dress. Also want to meet Chicago area GGs, TV/TSs for shopping, photography, video sessions. Answer all with photo and phone."

HEDY H. (IL-NP-3569-64)
"This rusty-haired Presbyterian (freckles, full filled silky knickers!) would join forces with a sprightly, scholarly, well-shod rhapsode who jolly well has her act together... for lyrical lettres and a faun filled fall. I am slender, shapely (40•-30-41•) and only a wee over 10 stone. What do ladies prefer?"

NEDRA W. (IL-3563-63)
5'11", 190, brown hair, hazel eyes, well built. Wide ranging interests including travel, geography, government, the arts, and writing. "I am looking for those who'll provide companionship & enlightenment."

JAMIE R. (IL-3686-64)
6', 40ish, professional with own business. Married, wife non-supportive. "Still in closet looking for genetic girls or sisters to help me put it all together. Interests include marine biology, classic cars, and good books."

SUSAN ROBERTS (IL-3797-64), Box 153, Chicago IL 60690-0153
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 160, 45, blonde, brown eyes. Hetero. Married 19 years. Interested in all things feminine, music, especially classic guitar, cycling and woodworking. "Longtime CD, but relatively new, coming out of my closet. I think I am passable, but not sure."

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS (IL-NP-3816-65)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

RENE L. (IL-NP-3850-65)
Member of Chicago Gender Society. 6'2", brown hair and eyes, bi-closet TV. Interested in herbal medicine and biology, rock music,

political consciousness, cooking. "Seeking white bi-females or TVs for friendships, possible relationships. Natural long hair a plus."

ROBYN G. (IL-3891-65)

SWM, 33, 5'9", 135, 10, shoulder-length brown hair, small frame, feminine features. Interested in camping, sci-fi, movies, aerobics, art, and dressing up. "Recently engaged to a wonderful girl (she doesn't know). Still in closet. How do I break the news to her. Need help in passing in public, hair styles, Would enjoy being pen pals with all you wonderful girls out there."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B. (MO-P-0258-67)
Member: TCNE, SLGF. DWM, 51, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, writing, and fashion. "Lifelong crossdresser and have always been comfortable and well adjusted with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Though recently forced back into closet, am finding myself again thanks to the wonderful support of my significant other. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

JENNIFER RICHARDS (MO-NP-2689-64)
Member StLGF, MAGGIE. Received 1992 Trinity Award, Miss Best Dressed at Fall Harvest '91, LaFemme Magnifique '85, Miss Dream '80, past officer/president StLGF. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement of others. "You've got to give a little... take a little... and let your poor heart break a little... That's the glory of love."

TERRIE REESE (MO-NP-2809-64), Box 302, St. Joseph MO 64501
Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Married to a lovely woman. Owner of Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."

KIMBERLY DE'ANNE DORMA (MO-P-3036-65) Kimberly T.
Member KCCAF, GDS, KGM. Attended Fall Harvest '91. 37, 5'7", 12, squeaky clean, bi, pre-op TS. Interested in shopping, reading, photography, correspondence, and helping new girls out. "I've worn dresses since age three and always loved it. I've wanted to be a girl since age 5. I'd like to ask our closeted sisters to come out and play and enjoy our beautiful lifestyle. I answer all my mail, honest."

MELISSA TRANS (MO-3633-64), P O Box 32541, Kansas City MO 64111

MWM, 6', 200, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in cooking, football, hunting, beautiful lingerie, shopping for female clothes. "Would love to meet TV/TS/GGs who would help me with makeup, femininity. Seek a friend to take pictures of my femme self. Am very shy and need help in getting out. Will be your trustworthy friend. Would like to share a small femme apartment."

DAVINA ANNE GABRIEL (MO-P-3427-63) Davina G.
12 years post-op TS lesbian, initiated witch, artist, writer, political activist, bohemian extraordinaire. Interested in Wicca, occult, feminism, lesbianism, art, writing, poetry, film, music, comparative religion. "Desire to correspond with other TS's either lesbian or bi-sexual who share any interests."

JULIE RUSSELL (MO-NP-3958-65)
DWM, 40's, 6', 185. Interested in woodworking, football, and world events involving the military. "Am interested in hearing from a hetero CD about their experiences at a major event, i.e., Poconos or Texas T Party. Enjoyed Nancy Cole's article on Fall Harvest. Would like to attend, but need reassurance."

JORDYNNE BAKER (MO-3874-66)
MWM, TV, 42, wife doesn't know. 5'9", 175, BA in Art History. Interested in music, corresponding, military and aviation history, old movies. "CD since pre-adolescence. Love lingerie, stockings, heels, hose, pretty dresses, feminine fragrances. Want to correspond with and meet sisters to learn from you, to help in any way I can, and to share girl talk. Want help coming out of closet. Want photos to share."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

EVELYN B. (E KS-NP-0400-64)
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE (KS-NP-1346-65)
Sexy, 5'7•, 165, 40-24-36, fortyish, biTV. Married wife understand. Engineer, mechanical services division. Owner/Director: Crossdressers Research Center. Director: Gemini Research Facilities. "Want to socialize and write to friendly Kansas and other sisters. Will answer all mail within three days.

NANCY COLE (KS-2189-99)
Member Kansas City CAF, SLGF. Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, Be All. "I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and ing, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

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CHERYL BRADLEY (KS-NP-3667-64)

CD, 5'9", brunette, pretty blue eyes. Interested in aerobics, love songs, cute hair fashions and accessories. "I've always felt like a rose among the thorns. I was different than the others and knew it. Now I know you were out there all the time. Let's be friends! Would like to hear from all levels of the gender community, including supportive real females and wives of TVs."

ROBYN R. (KS-3773-64)

5'10", blonde, 30's, pre-op TS. Interested in photography, computers, guitar, classical music, sailing. "Interested in corresponding with other TSs, especially those who are married."

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

MELISSA JEAN H. (NE-P-2742-64)

Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, and discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

JANICE L. (NE-2958-65)

Member of Emerald City, Tiffany Club of New England. 6'1", trim, DWM, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Dress as professional woman. Enjoy life and having fun with others. Educated executive, pilot, physically active (basketball, walking, hiking), computer literate. Like to meet other TVs for discussion, local activities."

TAMI DIANE (NE-3284-66)

"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

GEORGE MOULTRIE (NE-3608-63), P O Box 3463, Omaha NE 68103

SBM, 52, 6'3", 195. Black hair and brown eyes. Honest, clean, safe, and discreet. Seeking TV/TSs. "Travel USA, Mexico, and Canada. Dating and long term relationship possible."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

DIANE CLARK (LA-2840-64)

Member Tri Delta Chi and Delta Omega. Hetero, 5'11", 153, married. "Enjoy meeting people and sharing ideas. Married to a very supportive lady since Feb. '91 who helps with colors and fashions. Would love to correspond with all sisters anywhere."

LISA HART (LA-NP-1717-63)

Single TV, 38, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female ... occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several Tapestry correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable w/ their female personae."

DIANE B. (LA-P-2467-64)

D. E. B., P O Box 51611, New Orleans LA 70151-1611

Member Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 40, 6', 160, emerging CD, Gemini, engineer. Avid runner, interested in chess and snow skiing. "My wife may not understand this lifelong interest, but she is tolerant and hashelped with my appearance. Love to hear from others & reply to all sincere letters."

MICHELLE KELLY (LA-NP-3054-65)

Member of Beta Chi, GCTC, Tri Delta Chi, and Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, Fantasy Adventure Weekend, IFGE '92. 41, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 170. Interested in computers and anything feminine. "Want to make friends with others. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Off Tues.-Thurs. Will answer all."

KAREN SCOTT (LA-3472-64)

Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinary, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures. I'll respond as well. Would like to attend parties, clubs, etc."

ALICE HEBERT (LA-P-2964-64)

Member Tri Delta Chi in New Orleans. TV, 6'2 1/2", middle-aged.

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

JANA H. (S AR-P-2042-64)

Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

STEPHENIE RENEE' F. (AR-1841-64) S. R. Fowler, P O Box 1835, Springdale AR 72765

MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

MALINA W.
(OK-NP-3954-66), Box 95542, Oklahoma City OK 73143
SWM, bi-TV, 35+, 6', 195. Interested in sci-fi movies, rock and roll, IBM compatible computer building and repair, old car and motorcycle rebuilding. "Have finally accepted self, but still in closet. Friends and family don't know, or would understand. Need understanding person to bring out the full woman with friendship or relationship."

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-NP-3108-66), Box 10723, Midwest City OK 73140-1723
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

DIXIE BERNICE MICHELLE
(OK-NP-2018-64)
5'8", 130, long red hair, fun-loving. Interested in playing music (guitar, mandolin), shooting pool, dancing. "I've been living full time for the last two years, on hormones for three. Am not a great correspondent, but if you ever find yourself in Tulsa, I'd love to meet you, yes, you!"

TEXAS (750- 799-)

BETTE LEE JOHNSON
(N TX-0543-63)
Member IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Programs Committee, Coming Together Staff, Dallas Chapter Tri-Ess. Attractive TV, 50's, sensitive, caring, outgoing, and comfortable in the joys of being a woman. "Enjoy being dressed and feminine. Told I pass well. Enjoy parties with other TVs, and being out en-femme (with discretion). Dedicated to serving 'our' world and helping people just coming out, who may need help and advice."

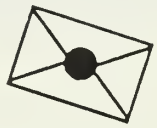
JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-NP-1250-64), Box 1105, Alief TX 77411
Participant Holiday En Femme, Coming Together, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, California Dreamin', Dignity Cruise. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes, interests include church, sports, music, bridge, English history, Sherlock Holmes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are committed to integrating crossdressing & family values.

RENE' FENNER (WTX-0989-63)
R. Fenner, #1001I, 10502 Telephone Rd., Houston TX 77075
Member Tri-Ess, GCTC, CHIC, Boulton & Park, Renaissance. Attended Coming Together, Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure W/E. MWM, 60, 6'1", 200. Interested in amateur radio and fishing. "Have been out of the closet for over ten years. Go to restaurants, clubs, and theater dressed. Am always trying to improve my feminine image."

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-NP-1254-65)
WM, 5'9", 165, late 30's. My main interest is improving my feminine appearance. "I enjoy my special time as Laura, and would like to hear from other CDs. My goal is to be totally passable as an attractive woman. Let's talk about makeup, wigs, fashion, and all the wonderful things that make the female lifestyle so special."

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-1734-63)
Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

JANICE HILARY RUPARD
(S TX-0567-63), P O Box 63112, Wetmore TX 78163-0012
Member Boulton & Park. Participant Texas T Party (co-founder), Coming Together, Fantastic Adventure, '90 In 90.' MWM TG, 5'9", 160, 18, 60's but 40. Sensitive, caring nature. Interested in classical music, play Big Band and jazz on sax, photography and everything feminine. Live alone. "Since retiring, I've developed my femininity. Janice goes anywhere. Slow, but will answer all. Your photo will be enjoyed."



BOBBIE KAYE (TX-NP-2089-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-NP-2116-65), P O Box 373, Manchaca TX 78652
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92,

Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at the Austin Community College."

CAROL BAKER (N TX-NP-2179-65), Box 1424, Waco TX 76703
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

CASEY COLE (S TX-1907-63), P O Box 679, Leander TX 78641
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Hetero TV, 39, 5'11". "Enjoy music, building my own house, outdoor activities. Active in several clubs. Interested in visiting others while traveling."

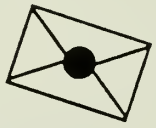
RIKKI SCOTT (S TX-NP-2201-65), Box 26031, Austin TX 78755
Member HTGA. Attended Texas T Party '91, '92. Early 50's professional man, CD for many years with tolerant spouse. Psychologist doing research on childhood and family backgrounds of CDs. Interests include classical music, pipe organ, sailing, jazz, hiking. Would be interested in hearing from all TV/TSs about their families and childhood experiences with crossdressing.

MARY ANN B. (TX-2194-65)
Member Tri-Ess (Delta Omega). WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall. Interested in sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly."

MARLINA DAWN MURPHY (W TX-NP-2211-65), P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413
Member HTGA/NW, San Angelo, Texas. Participant Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure Weekend. MWM, 6'2, 173, blue eyes, 12, 52, professional. Interested in fishing, gourmet cooking, easy listening music, and dressing. "Editor/publisher of Petticoat Junction magazine and the Texas T Party Photo Annual. Interested in hearing from all in west TX and San Angelo area."

JOANNA STEPHENS (TX-P-2722-64), P O Box 4878, Ft. Worth TX 76164
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. Admit to 39, 5'11", 142, 10, married, pass well. Interested in photography, travel, people, shopping, modeling, and helping others. "This gal has grown up and out in the past year thanks to many wonderful sisters. Now, a new city, a new second profession, Image Consultant. Possibly the first CD at Mary Kay. Enjoy, correspond & meet others."

DEE ANNE M. (S TX-P-2691-65)
College educated professional male, sales, nearing retirement, TV ten years, with accepting other, seeks friendship with 50's-60's couple (married) in immediate Corpus Christi area, where wife accepts and encourages husband to dress. Would like to socialize and dress occasionally in private only, share ideas. Replies confidential.



MAXINE MCDONALD (N TX-2223-66), Box 820852, Dallas TX 75382-0852
Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

ROBYN M. BERRY (TX-P-2750-64) R. M. Berry, P O Box 5813, Katy TX 77491
MWM, hetero, CD, 44, 5'8", 190. Interested in camping, computers, model railroads, dressing every chance I can. "I enjoy looking as feminine as I can, especially like petticoats and square dance dresses."

JANEY LEE
(SE TX-2772-64) J. Berg, P O Box 128, Texas City TX 77592
Member Newest member of Humanity. SWM, 5'11", 140, blue eyes. Enjoy reading (amateur historian), outdoor activities, roses. "Just coming out, love to make friends. Easy listener, love to give advice. Typical Virgo. Excited about myself and new world of understanding and compassion. Please write. Would love to entertain at my home. Like to hear from TSs and GGs who like humor, good food, and music."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY (TX-NP-2940-65)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS (TX-NP-3112-65)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested

in photography, travel, reading, shopping, and being a woman. Hope to meet others in the community soon, and participating in events, meetings, etc. Will exchange photos, correspond. Want to improve my feminine persona."

STEPHANIE SPIEGEL (TX-NP-3174-65)
5'11", 170, 35, SWM, TV for 27 years. Have TS feelings. Interested in the outdoors, dressing, rock 'n' roll, current events, dressing, . . . much more. "I dream of someday becoming a she-male movie star. Looking for a female or TS to share life with. Would also like to meet pretty TVs. Have good job. Please send photo if possible (returnable). I love you all!"

LIANA JAMES (TX-2949-65), Box 1072, DeSoto TX 75123
Member Tri-Ess, SIS. Intelligent, bright, outgoing TV. Interested in photography, travel, computers, fishing, dressing. "I have only been crossdressing for the past two years. Still in the closet. Will be going out in the near future."

DIANNA B. (TX-NP-3267-66)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

MELISSA THOMPSON (TX-3258-66)
Member Austin Second Image. 33, 5'10", 150, married with two young children. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. "My wife is fully supportive of my crossdressing; in fact we save money by sharing clothes. I most enjoy going out in public, and do so regularly. Would like to hear from others with children."

DONNA WALSH (TX-P-3381-63), P O Box 9692, Austin TX 78766
Attended Texas T Party '92. Lifelong CD, single, 34, 5'9", 138. Friendly, sincere, sensitive, nurturing, educated professional. Many creative interests: music, movies, reading, art, woodworking, comedy, social harmony. "Enjoy sailing, travel, aviation, antique autos, bicycling, waterskiing. Striving to further my feminine mindset, improve visual appearance, and find feminine mate. Enjoy correspondence/photo exchange."

CATHRYN PARADISE (TX-3399-63)
Bi, SWM, TV/TS, 6', 160, 37. Interested in medieval history, espionage fact and fiction, science fiction and fantasy, Sherlock Holmes, Native American history and culture, genre television, jazz and pop music. "Novice TV, but my goal is to begin living full-time as a woman by the end of 1992."

DIANNE G. (TX-3405-63)
SWM, 37, 5'11", 145. Interested in art, photography, fashion, makeup, dressing, hearing from and meeting others. "Lifelong crossdresser, bi-curious. Would like to hear from others with like interest. Would like to meet anyone in the Texarkana area who desires an understanding person to share interests, time, conversation, or more."

JAY MARCH (TX-3454-63), P O Box 2672, Austin TX
Handsome, successful, athletic, WM, 42, hetero. Interested in theatre, sports, music. "Want to meet a TV/TS secure in the knowledge that she will be accorded the utmost respect and consideration. I admire femininity in every form, and find the most feminine to be a person who chooses that gender and loves to be a woman."

MONICA-LEE MARIE (TX-P-3506-64), P O Box 550561, Dallas TX 75355-0561
Hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, restaurants, movies, reading, music, and travel. (Dressing.) Want feminine bond with secure genetic female. Comfortable with my genetic self, but seeking to perfect the full feminine crossover. My life is not without its share of humor and intellect. I'm ready to share."

JERI B. (TX-NP-3626-64)
5'10", 158, brunette, brown eyes. Interested in cooking, aerobic exercise, pretty clothes. "Love celebrating femininity. It's comforting to me. Would like to communicate with others, especially in the west Texas area. Long letter and photo, please."

RANDI P. (TX-3650-64)
Member Serenity (Miami). MWM, lifelong TV, 54, 5'10", professional, quiet and shy. Interested in nurturing the femininity I have always suppressed, and being who I really am. "Would like to meet compatible friends in Southern Texas for social occasions and/or going out."

CHERYL L. BOLEN (TX-NP-3629-63)
Member GCTC. 5'15", shy, but artistic and fun-loving TV/TS? Interested in art, music, feminine side. "Would love to correspond with others about living as a female. Consider dating understanding and supportive hetero males."

KIM HUNTER (TX-NP-3708-64)
Single, mid-30's, 5'7", blonde, blue, taking hormones. Happy, well-adjusted, loves animals, intelligent conversation, romantic candle-lit dinners, slow dancing, cooking, classical-to-jazz, and country life (owns small farm). "Will answer all who send photo."

RENEE PETERS (TX-NP-3772-64), Box 2111, Spring TX 77383-2111
Member Tri-Ess. 33, SWM, red

hair, blue eyes. Interested in music, sports, fashions, camping, nature. "Very passable CD interested in meeting understanding women and making friends with other CDs. Have been out of the closet for about eight months and my ex-wife didn't understand. Will try to answer all, please send a photo."

TAYLOR JOIIN (TX-3818-64)
Member GCTC. Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'8". Interested in camping, fishing, travel.

CISSY PATRICK (TX-3891-65),
Box 440849, Houston TX 77244
6'3", 180, blonde, blue eyes, S, 44. Interested in hairdressing, cooking, classical music, photography, walking, biking, tennis. "Have been a pantywaist sissy all my life and would like to hear from all sisters, especially in the hairdressing business, and those with an entrepreneurial spirit, and ideas in the CD community."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

LAURA SMILEY
(CO-P-1556-66)
Member GIC - Denver, Delta Chapter, IFGE Board of Directors, Chair Fundraising Committee. Participant Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91; T Party '90, '91, '92; IFGE Convention '91, '92; Be All '92. MWM, forties, TG/TS tendencies, 5'10", 155. Enjoy being Laura, shopping, being with friends. "Fun loving, caring person who wants to bring dignity, and acceptance to our community. Dressing since age five. Wife somewhat supportive."

ROXANNE SALEM
(C CO-2600-63)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT
(CO-NP-0493-66)
Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing 83, 84; Texas T Party 89, 90, 91, 92; IFGE Denver. SWM TV, 50's, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy hiking, bicycling, traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed. Am currently vice moderator and Bingo cashier for Pueblo MCC church."

CAROLYN ELAINE K.
(CO-P-2979-64)
Member GIC/Denver, Delta Chapter/Tri-Ess. Professional writer/actor, single, self-employed. Interested in literature, history (esp. WW I), languages, bicyclying & hiking, travel (esp. England, France, and Middle East). "Passionate letter-writer. Would like to meet or correspond with Rocky Mtn. sisters."

RENAE E. (CO-2948-64)
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint "Closeted, wife somewhat supports. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

WENDI M. (CO-3725-64)
S TV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "Have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door. Would like to make friends to help me get out the door. Need all the help I can get."

SHEETAH O. (CO-NP-3638-64)
GWM, 6', 160, 45, TV/CD. Love horses, mellow rock, funky music, writing, computers, nature, lingerie, and men. Prefer high-class call girl look. Smooth, on hormones, good legs and breasts. Enjoy dating men or girlfriend to dress with and compare notes. Good sense of humor, sensitive.

GERI G. (CO-P-3077-65),
P O Box 27802, Denver CO 80227
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life as a woman."

ANDREA DANIELS
(CO-NP-3726-65)
Member Tri-Ess and GIC, Denver. Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92. MWM, CD, 35, 5'7", 145, blonde, blue eyes. Intersted in a wide variety of music, correspondence, restauranting, skiing, running, doing occasional FI shows. "Fortunate to have made friends with our paraculture. Want to meet more shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

JACQUELYN ST. GREGORY
(CO-P-2923-64), P O Box, 5553, Security CO
Member GIC Denver, GIC of So. Colorado, UCRSE, PPGLCC. Attended Coming Together '91. S, TS disposition, 30's, 6'1", 153, artistic, great sense of humor, sensitive and caring. "Enjoy shopping, cooking, art, design, movies, travel, clubbing, and having a great time. My lifelong tendencies were suppressed until after I survived cancer. Very active in the gender community. Also, I am quite busy socially, constantly going out."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

LORI LARKIN (WY-P-3229-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Chapter. Attended Texas T Party '92. DWM, early 40's, 5'6", 125, slight build, size 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and especially dressing. "Am enjoying more and more freedom as Lori. Looking forward to new experiences with a

great deal of excitement. Love to correspond with others. Travel and select outings possible."

JILL S. (WY-2881-64)
Member Tri-Ess. 38, 6', 200. MW hetero CD. Interested in golf, basketball, needlework, woodworking. "This is my first listing. I'm just beginning to accept the fact that I'll always be a crossdresser. I'll answer all letters as soon as possible."

MICHELLE INGLE (WY-P-3332-63) M. Ingle, P O Box 3285, Gillette WY 82717-3285
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."

IDAHO (832-838-)

RENEE W. (ID-NP-3586-63), P O Box 3581, Boise ID 83703
Member Tri-Ess. SWM hetero TV, 31, 5'10", 175. "Enjoy all aspects of feminine lifestyle and am passable. Would like to meet others like myself who live close enough to get together. Would also like to share pictures and letters with all sisters. Enjoy my classy wardrobe and going out."

DAVI BRIGGS (ID-2078-64), P O Box 249, 3709 Chinden Blvd., Boise ID 83714
Single TV, TS tendencies, 5'11", 150, mid-40's, brown eyes, light brown hair. "Still like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. But, I wish I had a sister who would go with me. Enjoy water/snow skiing, roller skating, bowling, hooking rugs. Would like to meet or hear from other sisters from ID or OR that love doing the same things. Possible exchange of pictures and cassettes as well as letters."

WANDA S. (ID-3238-66)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond w/ other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

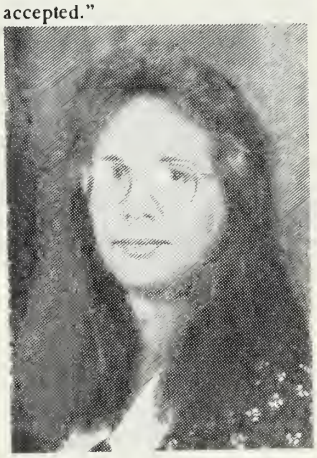
MICKIE ANN S. (ID-3842-65), Box 55, Ahsahka ID 83520
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Would like to meet/correspond with others."

UTAH (840-847-)

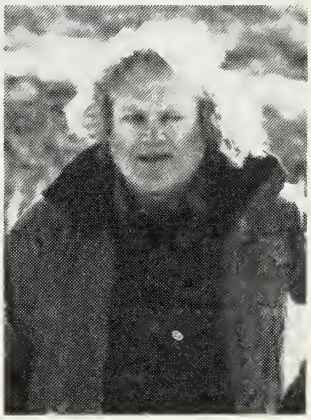
KANDEE' STORRS (UT-2726-64)
Member RCGSE. DWM, 37, 5'10", 180. Professional engineer, makeup artist (photo & special effects), P/T female impersonator. Interested in amateur radio, electronics, sci-fi movies, all forms of makeup, costuming, wigs, performing in shows, passing perfectly. "Would love to meet GG, possibly performer, with similar interests for mutual improvement of our illusion and performance skills. Dream of owning own nightclub, classy shows, one day."

CHRISTY MILLER (UT-P-2816-64), P O Box 21041, Salt Lake City UT 84121-0041
Attended IFGE Coming Together Convention. Interested in shopping, travel, photography, cooking. "One can never have too many friends. Please write if you would like to be friends."

LEIA CHEIQUE (UT-3392-63)
Member of TCNE. MWM. Interested in dining out, mutual support, and enjoyment of CD activities. "Travel throughout US on business. Interested in contacts for social/support activities in all destinations where it will be accepted."



ROBIN DEXTER (UT-NP-3655-64), Box 181, American Fork UT 84003
Pre-op TS, 37, 5'11", 170, some hormonal development. Education in Economics, Oriental Medicine. Interested in business, metaphysics, eastern religion, writing, research, dogs, and being female. "Love to help my sisters. I believe that pain and suffering are inevitable, but misery is avoidable. Will respond to all who write."



LINDA W. (UT-NP-3930-66)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

ARIZONA (850-864-)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL (AZ-NP-1056-64)
DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F. (E AZ-P-1158-64), P.O. Box 182, Safford AZ 85548-0182
Member Butterfly, Tri-Ess (Alpha Zeta). Attended Holiday En Femme, Be All, Coming Together, Texas T. Older TV, 6'1", 175, hetero. Interested in model railroading, military history, skiing, SCUBA. "Like too-short skirts and a bosomy look; real passion for heels, hose, panties, bras, and slips. Would like to correspond with TV sisters and exchange photos. Will anser all. Your photo gets mine."

NORMA KAY ROGERS (AZ-1570-63), P O Box 1232, Mesa AZ 85211-1232
DWM, 49, 5'5", 130, pre-op M-F TS. Craftsman, artist, and writer. Intelligent and philosophical, not religious. Love animals, museums, steaks and pasta, long drives,

honesty, C-W music, and life's humor. Hobbies include sculpting, computers, guns, and make own clothes. "Precious possession is little red dachshund, Wu-Woo. No drugs, alcohol. Like to communicate with GG or TS for support in transition. Commitments possible."

RENEE MARIA GREGG (AZ-2321-65)
Attended IFGE Convention '91, Trinidad, CO '92/legal sex change form. New woman/Biber Babe 6/92. Clubs with regular, straight men & women, interested in volley ball, bicycling, dancing, romance and intimacy with men taller than I am. "Sisters and brothers, thank you all very much. My life is so right and fun and fulfilling now. I'm mentoring two pre-ops and getting into the regular world with my new women friends."

CAROL DEARBORN (S AZ-P-2509-66) Miss Dearborn, P.O. Box 1417, Tucson AZ 85702
"If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the Gospel of Eliminating Money, Law & the $tate; women (especially non-virgins) are dangerous, true love leads to babies, masturbation is sin, persons born breech (feet first) are different, virginity is a blessing, theists saw the light, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . . "

LEE REYNOLDS (AZ-P-2514-63), P O Box 39354, Phoenix AZ 85069
Secretary/Treasurer and IFGE Representative from Alpha Zeta Chapter. Enjoy writing about my CD experiences. Love being cross gendered and would love to have your photo in my album and your name on my mailing list. Am a speech therapist and have a video about speaking like a woman. Also have a video about creating the illusion of cleavage."

CAROL MARSHALL (S AZ-P-2577-63), P O Box 4246, Tubac AZ 85646
Member Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess, Butterfly. Attended Houston '90 Tri-Ess convention, Texas T Party '91. 5'13", 200, 47, brown eyes and hair. Interested in cooking, reading, fashion, and talking. "Like to live full time as Carol, and want to write those who could discuss the ways to live TG. Have a very supportive spouse who would like to write to other supportive spouses. Am a friendly talker who can listen, too."

FRANCIS NIEZNAY (AZ-P-2963-64)
Member of A Rose, Alpha Zeta. 5'12", 175, 39 years forever young. Interested in power boats, sewing, cooking, photography, slot cars, sci fi movies, work. "Pre-op, out of closet TS. Not much of a conversationalist, but will try. Have been passing at local malls and bars.

LAURIE K. (AZ-2777-64)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of country. Not interested in men!"

SAMANTHA CORMIER (AZ-NP-3098-66), P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
Member of Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Attended Fantasia Fair '91. 5'9", 39, auburn hair, hazel eyes. Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and helping others in the gender community. "Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs or GGs. Will answer all who write."

DAGNY TAGGART (AZ-P-3268-63), P O Box 10064, Glendale AZ 85318-0064
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Divorced hetero CD. Interested in hiking, outdoors, camping, computers, and dogs and cats. "I'd like to correspond with and meet GGs who are interested in crossdressers. I'm 35, 135, 5'10", professional engineer, homeowner, open minded."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

NEVADA (890- 898-)

LORI B. (NV-P-3376-63) Boxholder, P O Box 72675, Las Vegas NV 89170
32, TS, 5'11", 160, pass well. Enjoy myself and consider myself very stable. Interested in business, writing, photography, gender studies, conversation, and developing my feminine image. "Have worked long to enable pursuit of female role. Have begun electrolysis and hormone therapy. Half-time in female role with extended periods full-time. Will soon seek employment in female role. Looking for friends for support, advice, and caring."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

WENDY PARKER (S CA-P-0390-63)
Member IFGE Board of Directors, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. TG, 40's, 5'9", 160. Interested in the history of our gender community. "Enjoy the company of women, free femme spirits, and other gentle souls."

BETSY B. (N CA-1104-64)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed,

dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LAURA R. COVINGTON (CA-NP-0480-65), P O Box 10431, Oakland CA 94610
DBM, Hetero, 44, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet other TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

ELIZABETH N. JOHNSON (S. CA-P-1030-63)
Pre-op M-F TS, 30's, 6', friendly but shy television engineer. Passable with voice, mannerisms and body frame, but need makeup and hair styuling tips. Interested in fashion, sales, indoor plants, singing opera, computers, bicycles. "Would like to befriend warm and sincere TVs, TSs. Write, call, send video or audio. ."

ROSALIND P. (CA-1876-63)
Member CHIC, PPOC, Tri-Ess. Attended Be All, Esprit '91, Coming Together, California Dreamin'. 6'1", 180, late 50's. Interested in shopping, dining out, theatre, jazz music, meeting new people. "I am supported by my wife. We are involved in couples' support ."

ANN L. (CA-1840-64)
Member ETVC, RGA, Phoenix Rising, Neutral Corner. 140, 5'7", 39, M-F TS SRS in two years. Metropolitan nightlife, cosmopolitan lifestyle. "Seeking non-sexual meetings and correspondence with other TSs. Joint living and career opportunities welcomed. No men, please."

MARLENE L. (S CA-P-1036-64), P O Box 4067, Visalia CA 93278
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi, Tulare, Ca. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "Ihelp Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess National office."

LORRAINE ELLEN HALL (CA-P-1150-64)
Member ETVC. Pre-op TS, over 50. Some hormonal development. Lived full-time for short periods and planning full-time. Interested in art, photography, music, theater, movies, bridge. "Emerged from closet 5 years ago. I have surmounted many obstacles and my goal now seems to be within my grasp. I would love to hear from others who may share my dream and welcome their comments, advice, and questions."

JAN N. (CA-P-2210-63)
Member PPOC. Attended Texas T Party '90. MWM, 5'11", hetero TV, 47. Interested in writing, movies, books, computers, cross-dressing, and everything feminine. Just married to an understanding, A+ wife. Would like to meet and/or correspond with other couples."

DONNA LYNN FREEMAN (N CA-P-1664-63), P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Member DVG, RGA, Tri-Ess, ETVC. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 45, 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 4 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

LYNN LAND (CA-P-1684-63), P O Box 2000-221, Corona Del Mar CA 92625
Tall, trim, athletic, educated, successful, 42. Interested in meeting S. CA women, TV/TSs that are intellectually interesting and physically very attractive. "Bi-TV with a very balanced, calm, successful lifestyle. Looking for very together females (Bi) and TVs that live rational, caring lives. Looking for stable, healthy, long term friends."

SARAH W. (N CA-NP-1727-64)
31, pre-op M-F TS, just starting process. "Want to make friends in the TV/TS community and learn from those who have completed SRS. Would also be interested in corresponding with intelligent men."

GLORIA B. (CA-NP-1897-64)
Member of ETVC. 6'3", 300. Interested in auto racing, photography. "Struggling to go out in public. Would like to hear from others in North Bay, Wine Country."

MELISSA M. FOSTER (S CA-NP-2099-65), P O Box 816, Lakewood CA 90714
Attended IFGE Conventions, Texas Ts, Esprit, Holiday Enfemme, Southern Comfort. White TV, 5'10". "I travel the world and enjoy attending conventions. Enjoy

corresponding and meeting other TV/TSs. I enjoy helping others, so drop me a note."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-1811-63), P O Box 56362, Hayward CA 94545-6362
Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who kne best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR (S CA-NP-1927-64), P O Box 28041, San Diego CA 92198-0041
TV, 43, 5'10", size 18. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography, and all things feminine. "I travel the western states and enjoy meeting and writing other TVs, especially large sized sisters. Like to go out dressed with TVs to clubs, shopping, etc. Am married to a somewhat understanding wife."

MELANIE B. (SW CA-2566-67)
5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

ARLENA ROSE
(CA-NP-2273-65)
Member of ETVC. 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, S, 39. Interested in cooking, reading, music, fashion, art, trying to be a better person. "Scared, lonely, and confused. Sound familiar? Am seeking someone to help me face and overcome these things and accept me in return. If you've written before, try again. I had a room-mate who stole my mail."

JANELLE AILENE SEXTON (CA-P-2327-65)
Member of ETVC, Diablo Valley Girls. Divorced, hetero, TV, 37, 6', 190, red hair, blue eyes. Interested in square dancing, period costumes, and simulated pregnancy. "Enjoy going out dressed as a woman."

TOM WILLIAMS (CA-2637-64)
Single male, 48, 5'10", 180, brown blue. "Genuine nice guy, patient, intelligent, non-smoker, monogamous. Correspond, meet with passable ultra feminine, marriage-minded, stable girl-next-door to super sexy TV, she/male, pre/post-op TS, 5'7" or under who wants to live/share a real life. No pros or free rides."

ROXANNA R.
(N CA-NP-2350-66), P O Box 8182, Berkeley CA 94707
Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, goddesses, fetishes, and erotica. "Am a bright and sexy chimerical femme interested in correspondence and/or meeting with genuine TVs and sincere men to practice the art of gender illusionism."

LORI CALLWAY (SW CA-P-2586-63), P O Box 64312, Los Angeles CA 90064
5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60's rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

JULIE B. (SW CA-2639-63),
P O Box 8412, Northridge CA 91327-8412
Member Tri-Ess Alpha Chapter. Hetero male, CD, 5'8", 150. Interested in long walks, computers, sailing small boats, and world travel. "Married fifteen years to an unusually understanding wife. Still working out small details. Like to correspond with sisters and wives, but be patient. Still hang out mostly at home, but do go to some Alpha meetings. Am quiet and shy, but I need to meet others."

BOB DAVIS (N CA-P-2620-64)
"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: Tapestry, prior to #39, Ladylike #1 and 2, Female Mimics International #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's Drag and Virginia Prince's Transvestia."

KRIS C. (C CA-P-2713-63)
TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/eyes. Sensitive and caring. Interested in feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Have been a lifelong crossdresser who enjoys achieving the complete feminine look. Always open to advice on improving my appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

CAROL LEE (CA-2798-64),
P O Box 186, Bryn Mawr CA 92318
Married Oriental, 5'8", TV. Interested in photography. "Interested in dressing, shopping, long gowns, and meeting others, and corresponding with heterosexual CDs. Particularly want to pass even better. Would be delighted to meet anyone that could help in this area. Have been out a few times a year and pass well."

MICHELLE WREN HESS
(C CA-NP-2769-63) M. W. Hess, 826 Orange Ave., Box 495, Coronado CA 92118
Member Neutral Corner. SWM with TS tendencies, 5'6", 145, 30, brown hair, green/brown eyes. Interested in stuffed animals, animation and comics, computers, and photography. "Looking to correspond with TV/TS/GGs for friendship and possible get-togethers. Will answer all who write."

EVELYN J. SMITH
(CA-NP-2864-65)
Member ETVC. Attended Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, 56, divorced, on hormones 3 yrs. Interested in classical and new age music, readng, photography, travel in North America. "Plan to return to school in fall '92 for an RN degree. Will live full time after graduation in 1994. Interested in correspondence with TSs who had SRS or went full time after age fifty."

JULIE ANN R. (CA-2892-64)
SWM, TV, 40, 5'8", 150. Still closeted, but trying to come out. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, gardening, cooking, hairstyles, developing all aspects of my femininity. "I am quite content to have both male and female personas. I would enjoy meeting others. I am honest, sincere, and quick as possible with correspondence. Enjoy 'girl talk' through the mail, possible meeting."

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-2833-64)
Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

KAREN D. (CA-2849-64)
Widowed, hetero, 65, 6', 200. Interested in all sports, especially golf, country/western music, and jazz. "Dress as often as I can. Love panties, bras, and slips. Wife died three years ago. Would die if any of my kids found out. Doubt if I will ever come out of the closet. Please write."

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-NP-2934-65), P O Box 2025-364, Tustin CA 92680
Attended California Dreamin'. 34, 6', hazel eyes. Interested in computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "I have started going out en femme to malls and restaurants. Either I pass well, or Californians don't care! Either way, I'm loving discovering who Chelsea is."

MELANIE HOWARD
(CA-2899-64)
38, 5'11", 145, MWM, 12, CD with TG/TS tendencies. Enjoys dresses, skirts, heels, and most things feminine. Interested in gender dysphoria and its relationship in our culture. "I have accepted Melanie completely, and couldn't be happier about it. Look forward to sharing with others and contributing towards a better understanding of gender issues in our communities. I enjoy all correspondence and will answer quickly."

LISA R. (CA-2926-64)
MWM, 5'10", 145, mid-thirties. Enjoy gardening, photography, and skiing. "Have crossdressed all my life. Just started going out. Interested in corresponding with others in LA area. Photo exchange and meeting."

SANDI BUELL (CA-2989-65), P O Box 1038, Bonsall CA 92003
MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. Interested in photography, sailing, scuba. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer hose, and pretty shoes."

MARY ANNE S. (CA-P-3030-65)
Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, 14, white TS, single, 42. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "I am a reentry student in engineering and doing well thanks to a new sense of self-esteem, and thanks to support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. Although I am hetero oriented, I would enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

JOLYNN VEIRA (CA-3017-65)
DWM, 49, 5'7", 160, CD since early teens. Interested in art, computers, computer art and animation. "Since the way I prefer and like to dress is not acceptable by society, I have to restrict it to the privacy of my house. I will answer all correspondence."

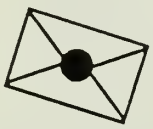
JUDI BENSEN
(CA-NP?-3063-65), P O Box 130, Midway City CA 92655-0130
6', 170, won't admit to over 37 years! Very athletic, MWM, heterosexual. Interested in cycling, anything feminine, spending precious time as Judy. "I'm just learning about myself and am seeking others to correspond with about our world. Wife has seen me dressed, but doesn't have full understanding. Don't bother with sex. Photo OK, not required. Let's write about us."

JOSEPHINE C.
(APO-SF-NP-3137-65)
"I'm a black hetero CD, 5'10", 185. Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding to my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Due to the nature of my profession, I cannot. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG for friendship. Please write."

SALLY ADAMS (CA-3517-63), 7299 Orangethorpe Ave., Box 171, Buena Park CA 90621
Member PPOC. MWM, 5'7", 150, nonsmoker, enjoy good wine,

mid-50's, friendly, sense of humor. Pretty man, prettier woman. Interested in music, shopping, travel, making friends, everything feminine. "Parents dressed me as a girl in early childhood. I nurtured that joy throughout school, marriage, and career. Wife not supportive. Pass well. Love to correspond."

LINDA MARIE ADDISON (CA-P-3360-63)
M-F pre-op TS. 41, 5'11", red hair, blue eyes. Interested in my transition into femininity, shopping, theater, jazz, being out with friends. "Began '92 by living full time. Hormones for one year. Would like to hear from TS sisters for friendship and to share support on our wonderful but difficult journey."



JENNIFER MICHAELS (CA-P-3358-63)
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

REBECCA ELIZABETH B. (CA-3793-64)
SWM, 44, 5'7•", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closetcd, but wanting to come out. Have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, it is time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support and guidance on my journey."

BONNIE W. (CA-P-3390-63),
P O Box 801416, Santa Clarita CA 91380-1416
40+, 6', 190. Interested in golf, tennis, cooking, shopping. "Able to be Bonnie 2-3 days per week. Wife not supportive at all. Mother started dressing me at early age. Still feel guilty sometimes. Will answer all who write. Please send photo ."

BILLIE JEAN JONES (CA-P-3205-99)
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish TV Guise - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

MARKIE MONTANA CHAMBERS (CA-3925-66)
Member ETVC, RPGA Network, Planetary Society. 6'2", 195, brown hair, blue eyes. Late 20's, M-F TS. Interested in computers, AD & D, reading walking, traveling. "Would be more than happy to correspond."

CHERYL K. (CA-NP-3823-64)
Member Neutral Corner. SWM, 36, 5'10", 135, size 8. "Am a fairly passable and dedicated TV with TS goals who enjoys the company of sisters with similar interests. I love shopping and possess a vast wardrobe. Also like photography, travel, entertaining, and dating. Want to meet others in the San Diego area. Will correspond with anyone who sends a photo."

BOBBI B. (CA-NP-3693-64)
Tall, late 50's, looks younger, accepting wife. Loves role-playing and making videos. Successful at it. "Let's make videos together. I'll be a good looking stud or a sexy hot lady . . . you, too. I'm creative, all kinds of plot lines in mind. Great fun/release. Very quiet. Very confidential only. LA area."

KAREN TAYLOR (CA-NP-3697-65) K. C. Taylor, P O Box 1335, Topanga CA 90290
27, 5'8", 140, African-Mexican-American-Indian CD with TS tendencies. "Have been dressing since my mom got me started as an infant. Am beginning to believe gender-ambiguous/gender-blending people may be the salvation of our planet (i.e., Berdache/healers). Need to hear from any who can help me work this out."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN (HI-RP2180-65) T. Ryan, 777 Kapiolani Blvd, Box #3114, Honolulu HI 96813
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same. Awards: Miss Femininity, Fantasia Fair, 1990. "M-F transgenderist living as a woman, but not attracted to men. Very active in local gender community. Don't have time to write to pen-pals, but will answer letters concerning our group or other items concerning the gender community and formation of groups elsewhere."

LANI KEE (HI-P-2593-63),
P O Box 6178, Kahului HI 96732
Attended Texas T Party '91, Holiday '90, '91, Coming Together '91. Hetero CD, 140, 5'10". Interested in working out, swimming, golf, music, and traveling. "I dress occasionally. Go out whenever possible. Will respond to all correspondence ASAP. General interest in other CDs all over."

LANA A. (HI-3308-63), P O Box 22891, Honolulu HI 96823-2891
Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interested in all aspects of our wonderful feminine life-style. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all letters."

REBECCA ANN MATHIEU (HI-P-3518-63), P O Box 6018, Honolulu HI 96818
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. Single TV. "Want to 'Be All I Can Be.' My children have completed their education, now it's my turn. Here I come. Love to hear from you. Wonderful beaches here to try your bikini. Come meet with our group. We have fun! Aloha to all my sisters."

OREGON (970- 979-)

ELLEN SUMMERS (OR-P-0382-64), c/o NWGA, Box 4928, Portland OR 97208-4928
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

KAREN PHILLIPS (OR-3158-66)
5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair; camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

RONI LANG (OR-NP-3599-64), c/o NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97005-5066
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of bowling team."

JAN C. (OR-3514-66)
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut, interested in dressing, easy listening music. "Want to meet other CDs. Travel frequently to Ontario, Quebec and states on I-94, I-5, I-40. Will write all. CD over 50 years. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

JAN II. (OR-3554-63),
PO Box 12581, Portland OR 97212
TS, not out yet, 20 years on-off hormones. 6', 170. On my way to doing it all. Interested in gardening, cooking, travel. "Anybody having upper body surgery - shoulders narrowed, ribs removed?"

FIONA MORRIS (OR-NP-3607-64)
Member NWGA. Attended Esprit '92. 5'7", 135, DWM, mid-age. Interested in sewing, cooking, computers, writing. "Lifelong CD, pass easily, enjoy all feminine activities, especially dining, theater, night life, and, of course, shopping. Welcome companionship of other CD/TSs. Health professional and knowledgeable about hormones. Formerly known as Jennifer M."

CAROL T. (NW OR-2702-63)
5'10", 190, brown hair/eyes. Interested in reading sci-fi and historical novels, sailing, and flying. "Still in closet. Would appreciate meeting local sisters for help in coming out."

JILL NICHOLS (OR-NP-3934-65), Box 333, Baker City OR 97814
Member NWGA, Tri-Ess '78-'81. Attended Esprit '91, Transvestia cover girl 1985. 5'9•", 38, more a be-er than a doer. Interested in cultural events, people, arts. "Have been active for 15 years and really love the CDs I've met. I live remotely and travel out of town for most of my outings. Like to dress for extended periods. Would enjoy meeting CDs creative about what to do and where to go."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

SANDY S. (WA-P-1022-63)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

KAREN KENT (NW WA-P-0322-63)
Member NWGA, RCGC. 49, 5'9", 183. "Friendly, came out of the closet in '81, and will never return. Have grown in the understanding of my feminine nature. Have written articles on CD and been on panel discussions. Enjoy meeting and writing to others."

JUDY OSBORNE (WA-P-1024-63), Box 19394, Seattle WA 98109
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Fantasia Fair, Esprit '91. 5'11, 155, married. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Love being a woman out in the world. Especially love sharing myself with a widening circle of family and friends."

AMY JO C. (W WA-P-1181-63)
Member Emerald City-Seattle. 5'11", black hair, hazel eyes. Enjoy lingerie, sexy nylons, high heels, anything feminine. "Would like to meet other TV/TS in the same area."

SHARON L. MORGAN
(WA-NP-1303-63), Box 5586, Everett WA 98201-5586
Member Renaissance. 5'6", 165, white hair, hazel eyes. Interested in all sports, bowling, semi-pro baseball. "Lifelong CD with usual purges. Answer all letters promptly from anywhere in the world. Widower. No children. Good dancer, skater. Read history."

MARY GIBBONS
(WA-P-1826-63), P O Box 1151, Mercer Island WA 98040
Member Emerald City. Participant Tri-Ess Holidays, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together conventions. MWM, 50. Enjoy music, family, friendships, and thought. "Have season tickets to the opera and the ballet. Love having dressy events to plan for. Have developed close, accepting friendships, but always interested in more. Have an accepting family &strive for balance. Glad to correspond with all."

JENNIFER MARTIAN
(SW WA-1710-63)
Single M-F pre-op TS, 5'11", 170, brown/blonde hair, brown eyes. "It is very lonely here in Tri Cities, Washington. I would very much like to meet others."

KAY CROSSLYN (WA-2796-64)
"I am an inventor and artist, age 48, with a sense of humor about my frequent desire to dress the female part. I'm interested in esthetics, psychology, spirituality, mythology, and the ideas of Carl Jung. I'd like to correspond with someone who would care to trade speculation about the spiritual meaning of crossdressing, and, among other things, how it might fit into the context of the Men's Movement."

MICHELLE LEE H.
(WA-P-1446-66)
Member Tri-Ess, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC. Attended Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise. Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

MELISSA LEEANN PRATHER
(WA-P-2102-64)
Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess, NWGA. 5'9", 190, 57. Interested in sewing and design art, calligraphy, scale model planes, stamp collecting, model railroading. "Have a supportive wife. We go out shopping together, and dine out. Have been out of closet three years. Want to build up friendships."

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-3828-65)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

BONNIE H. (WA-NP-3561-64)
Member COS, Emerald City. SW TV/TG, 24, very passable, out of closet. Interested in music, photography, alpine meadows, beaches. "Would like to meet young TV/TS living in the northwest. Interested in going to clubs, lunch, and the beach en femme with girlfriends. Am a positive person looking for friends, a roommate, and to correspond with others in the US. Caring and understanding."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-3119-65), P O Box 2799, Woodinville WA 98072-2799
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, 50, brown hair and eyes. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, woodworking, computers, and reading. "Go out dressed three or four times a month and pass, day or night. Like to meet other TVs who pass and would like to go out week nights. Like to correspond with others in NW."

EDNA F. (WA-3909-65)
5'9•", 49, 130. Interested in history, sports, hairstyling, makeup, and being feminine. "Have just got back into CD after being away for four years. Dressed since I was a teen. Would like to get advice on how to be more feminine, and help in dressing. Would like to go out in public sometime."

HELEN BOUNDS
(W WA-NP-2688-65), Box 3772, Bellevue WA 98009
"I am a hetero TV who loves the feeling of being fully dressed and feminine. My family is not aware of my interests, so personal meetings may be difficult, but are possible. Love to write,, trade photos, & hopefully meet.All letters answered."

CASSIE OWENS
(WA-NP-3868-65)
Member Emerald City. Attractive, passable hetero CD, 25, 5'6", 137. "Am recently out of the closet and loving it. My interests include movies, music, photography, exploring life as Cassie, and spending time with my girlfriend. Welcome all correspondence from other passableCDs.Sometimes flaky when it comes to writing, but I'll try."

ERICA LANG (WA-3924-66)
5'11", 167, hazel eyes, brown hair, 33, married, hetero. Interested in writing and photography. "Just starting out, but been under since age 6. Would love to have many girlfriends. Sorry, no picture, yet, . . . soon, though. Looking for places to go and meet people in Seattle area. Let's dress!"

KRISTEN A. LANGLEY (WA-NP-3560-64), P O Box 1627, Kent WA 98035-1627
Member Emerald City. 33, 6', 195, married, reasonably passable. Interested in Sci-Fi (Star Trek), photography, scale miniature railroading, and cartooning (Tapestry #58). "Have been dressing since age eight, but have only gone out in public for last three years. Wife is fairly supportive. Enjoy going out with friends, new and old, and corresponding with long distance friends. Very humorous."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

NORA JEAN YORK (AK-NP-1425-66), P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134
Member Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. Participant Coronations '89, '90, '92. Berdache Princess 1992. "Enjoy being feminine, cooking, sewing, mnt. biking, home computer, and cam-cording. Collect music cassettes and CDs, Marilyn Monroe plates, and Wizard of Oz memorabilia."

DONNA S. (AK-2247-66)
Member Tri-Ess. TV, 5'9", 36, 140. "Enjoy dancing, pool, socializing, and shopping as a woman. Also enjoy mini skirts to show off my figure. Will answer all letters."

SUSANNE TAYLOR (AK-2422-63)
MWM, 34, 6'3". "Still working at making it to a public function to continue my education as I continue to grow and understand about myself and life. Welcome all letters from others, and will promptly respond to same. Love being dressed and feeling free to be me."

DEBBIE R. (AK-NP-3625-63)
5'10", 175, 40, intense TS tendencies. Interested in dressing and being female. Caring for and sharing with others is very imprtant to me. "I've made great strides in advancing into the femme world over the last years, It has not always been easy, and I've made many mistakes along the way. I'd love to correspond with others."

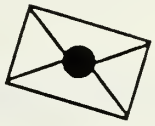
MICKEY T. (AK-3179-63)
Member Alaska Alliance for Gender Education. MWM, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in cooking and sewing. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

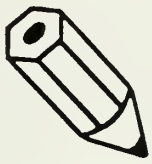
BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY (AK-3314-63)
49, married, TV, understanding grown children, Jewish, 5'5", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in skiing, flying, computers, art. "Have understanding wife. Love to be a woman as much as I can. Would like to meet others who are not happy with the sex they were born into. Am a metal sculptor."

CANADA

CAROLYN ALEXANDER (ON CAN-1087-64), Box 7115, Vanier PO, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3
"I'm a 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi WMM CD, well and truly educated with a sensuous, caring attitude. I pass easily and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with readers having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

YVETTE DUCHARME (CAN-P-1632-66)
Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, '92. Board member, Outreach Institute. Post-op. 5'11", 175, Single. Fortyish. Living alone. Interests: Femme things, fashion, makeup, travel, reading, listening to Big Band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My personality is classical type. Would like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."





ALLISON JENNIFER BRENT (AL CAN-P-1656-63)
Member Phi Sigma. MWM, hetero CD, 5'9", 170, mid 60's and very fit, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Big Band era music, racquet sports, hiking and canoeing. "I am married to a wonderful gal who is aware of my CD interests, but prefers to remain uninvolved. I enjoy dressing and making 'Allison' just as feminine as she can be."

MINA C. (QCAN-2955-65) Mina & Princess Shelba, P O Box 664, Beaconsfield, QUEBEC, Canada H9W 5V3
6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife. "Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples and select individuals who share our aspirations. Discretion expected and assured."

ROBYN V. (CAN-NP-2449-66)
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 47, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel takes her to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo appreciated."

CHRISTINE B. (BC CAN-P-2474-63)
Married, 40, 6', 165, TS oriented, with supportive wife. "My primary interests lie in raising my children, fulfilling relationship with my wife, and exploring the potential of my career. Having read Kyndel Kellis' article in Issue #55, I have embraced the concept of Berdache. Have only been out dressed twice. Need clear understanding of the legal ramifications of being read before

GABRIELLE P. (ON CAN-2918-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

SANDY C. (CAN-NP-2608-66)
Member of CDC, Gender Mosaic, MSC. Attended Be All '91, '92, TMS Coronation '90, '92. 39, 5'11", supportive wife and daughters. Enjoy socializing with couples and families, dining in or out, especially with a bottle of good wine. Love life and femininity, from high heels to walks in the woods."

MICHELLE JOHNSON (CAN-NP-3165-66)
Member Cornbury, Emerald City, NWGA. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, mid 40's. Enjoy people photography, music and singing. "Love being a well dressed girl and being involved in mainstream activities. Go out regularly day time or night time. My first airplane trip was fun. Tolerant&supportive wife."

ERICA JAYNE R. (CAN-P-3323-66)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE (CAN-NP-3385-63), P O Box 66583, Stoney Creek P O, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, L8G-5E5
Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife, 27, very passable, love to go out and enjoy myself as a female. Interested in writing stories, fiction and non-fiction, shopping, and helping other to enjoy the feminine lifestyle. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Would love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN (CAN-3502-64), Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R2C 5C7
Member Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '92. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175 and losing, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, swimming, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intention matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Helping form TV/TS club in Winnipeg."

MELISSA H. (CAN-3549-63)
26, 5'11", blonde, blue eyes. Working toward a Bacheler of Fine Arts in photography. "Just coming out of the closet and seeking a support community. Wish to meet new friends for mutual support. I like fashion, listening to music, and reading just about anything."

ROXANNE VAN NESS (CAN-NP-3711-65)
SWM, hetero, 45, 5'10", 165, 12, blonde with blue eyes. Interested in writing poetry, plays, etc.; sketching; photography; music; movies (esp. Disney); reading; sports; and things feminine. "CD again for two-and-a-half years after lapse of twenty years. Not beautiful, per se, but attractive with proper grooming. Wish to correspond with caring girlfriends for guidance with feminine evolution. Letters w/photos, please."

ANGEL RICHARDS (CAN-3715-64), P O Box 535, Kamloops, BC, CANADA V2C 5L7
Member of Dreamgirls. Attended Esprit '92. S, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in cooking, art, makeup, classic rock and roll. "Would like to correspond with others."

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO (MEX-P-2670-63)
Attended Fantasia Fair. Separated WM, 40, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in dancing, cooking, music. Work in the human sexuality field giving workshops and courses. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Just coming out of the closet and trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Want to help people to avoid having to go through what I went through. Where are you my Mexican sisters?"

UNITED KINGDOM

CELIA S. (ENG-1904-64),
P O Box 1351, London N16 7XX, England
Member Beaumont Society, Gender Dysphoria Trust (UK). Widower, 5'9", 145. Occasional TV from age 4 to partner's death. Now getting more deeply involved. Interested especially in language and music. "Would like to receive audio tapes in exchange for my 'first and second voices' tape."

ANNE FORRESTER (SCOTLAND-P-2791-64)
Member Scottish TV/TS Group, Grampion Gender Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero CD, separated, 61 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). Travel, read, and write. Edit The Tartan Skirt. Live 50% as a woman. "Conservatively dressed lady who loves heels, hose, and ballgowns. Pass well. Often travel dressed. Willing to help. Like to hear from sisters in Europe and sympathetic genetic women."

KAREN BARCLAY (ENG-NP-3191-66), P O Box 449, Reading, RG1 5AT ENGLAND
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe crossdressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON (GERMANY-P-3050-65)

Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, reddish brown hair, almost passable. Interested in photography, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling.

"I enjoy any opportunity to be Yvonne. I like fine lingerie, ladylike clothing, pretty shoes, and perfect makeup. Wife does tolerate, but is not supportive. Have been dressed up many times in public. Would like to correspond with sisters in Europe and in the USA."

CLAUDIA R. (GERMANY-NP-3566-63)

Member Transidentitas, ABC of France, Beaumont Society. TV, 33, 6'6" (193 cm), S, still looking for a supportive partner. Interested in computers, cooking, instrumental music, writing for TV publications, travel, meeting other TV/TSs worldwide. "Have problem appearing in public due to height. Nevertheless, I sometimes go shopping, to a restaurant with friends. Much knowledge of the German TV/TS scene. Could offer accomodation. Love to correspond."

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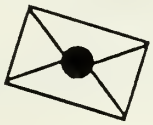

EVA K. (GERMANY-NP-3749-64)

Member Tri-Ess. 35, 1.73m., 70kg., black hair, brown eyes, married, hetero TV. Interested in crossdressing, philosophy, sociology, feminism from the CD's standpoint. "Out of the closet, wife's best girlfriend. Like to have contact with TVs in partnership who are more interested in females than the feminineMy wife wears my clothes."

JENNY SAND (NORWAY-P-2584-63)

Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

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MARINA LANG (AUS-0693-63), G.P.O. Box 1177K, Melbourne, 3001 AUSTRALIA

Member Seahorse Club of Victoria. Participant Cup Eve Ball, Arts Ball. TS, 194 cm (6'6"), blonde. Enjoys classical music, oil painting, theater, concerts, eating out in restaurants, fashion, and dress design. "I would like to hear from other very tall IFGE members."

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ROSEMARY MARYON LANGTON (HONG KONG-P-1792-63), G.P.O. Box 9171, Hong Kong

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JOAN C. (JAPAN-3083-65)

Black, heterosexual, TV, 5'10", 185. "Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding of my need to crossdress. Am very shy, and would love to come out of the closet, but the nature of my profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS. Please write."

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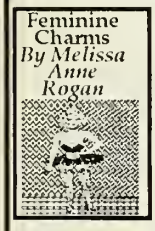

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